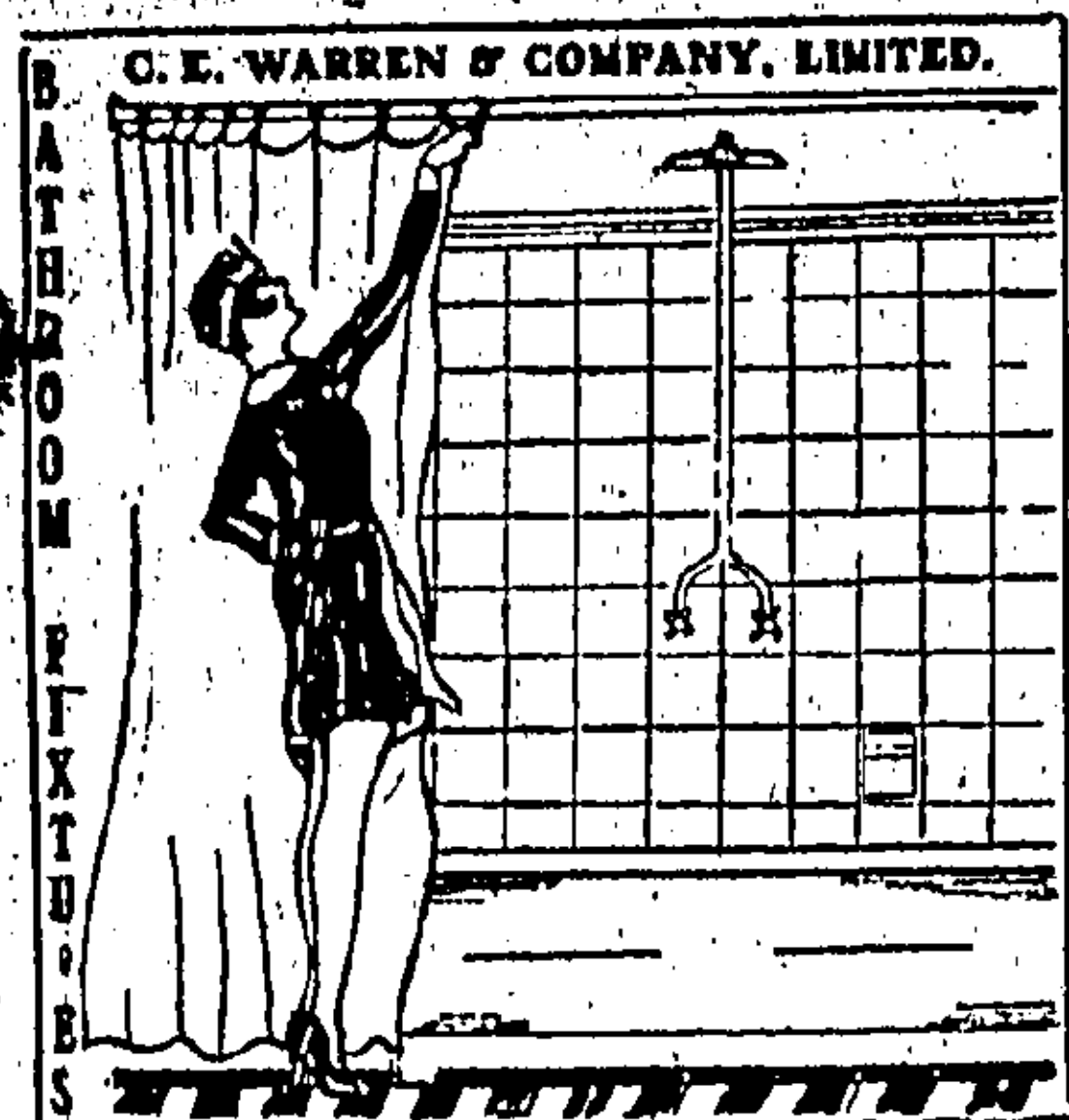




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NEW HONGKONG HOTEL BLOCK TO BE CONSIDERED.

THE DIVIDEND OUTLOOK.

Hopes of the opening of the Peninsula Hotel, in Kowloon, by October next were expressed by Mr. J. H. Taggart, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Ltd., presiding at to-day's meeting of shareholders. He added that the Hotel would be a credit to the Colony, and would not only provide accommodation for local residents, but also offer tourists the service and attractions of a hotel comparable with modern European and American establishments.

Dealing with the Company's finances, Mr. Taggart stated that for the present, profits must be retained in the business, and it was not likely that a dividend would be declared until the Peninsula Hotel was completed and made revenue-producing.

Referring to the north and middle blocks of the Hongkong Hotel, the Chairman said if a good offer were received for the purchase of the site, the Directors would have to weigh the alternatives of a sale or the erection of a new block.

An increased motor-bus service, both in regard to the number of vehicles and the routes served, was also foreshadowed in the Chairman's speech.

THIS MORNING'S HOTEL MEETING.

Chairman's Speech.
The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting, the Chairman said:—Gentlemen, The printed report and statement of accounts for the 31st December, 1927, having been in your hands for some days I propose, with your permission, to follow the usual procedure by taking them as read. The report of the auditors is as follows:—“We have audited the above account and balance sheet with the books and documents of the Hotel Office and the accounts and balance sheet of the Shanghai branch rendered by Messrs. Thomson & Co., certified by them as correct. We have obtained all the information and explanations we have acquired. In our opinion such balance sheet is properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us and as shown by the books of the Company.—Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, Auditors.”

The Accounts.
You will observe from the Profit and Loss Account for the year 1927 that the balance of Working Account is \$1,102,559.45—a figure which bears favourable comparison with the similar balances of previous years.

The credit of \$466,652.25 to Profit and Loss Account in respect of rents is considerably higher than usual, and I would therefore explain that included in this figure is the rental obtained under agreement with the Military Authorities for the period they were in occupation of the Peninsula Hotel Building.

On the other hand, interest during construction, which otherwise would have been charged to Capital Account, has been charged to Profit and Loss Account for the period in respect of which the Company received rental from the Military Authorities, thus accounting for an increase in the item “Mortgage and Bank Interest.” For the purpose of comparison of such item with the figure for the year 1926, however, I must point out that from the end of 1926 the Company received the benefit of saving of interest on the money obtained by the sale of the Kalee property in Shanghai.

Financial Position.
A glance at the balance sheet will suffice to show that the amount of loans secured by mortgages practically equals the nominal amount of the Company's issued capital, and therefore in pointing out that the Company is under-capitalised for the extent of its undertakings and that it is in consequence of that position that the Company has had to rely upon financial assistance from other sources, I am only emphasizing the obvious.

So long, therefore, as present financial conditions in the Colony continue, the above-mentioned position cannot satisfactorily be remedied, and your Directors are reluctantly compelled to state that the profits of the business must be retained in the business. They regret that it is not possible for them to recommend a dividend in respect of the past year, and it is only fair to inform you that it is not likely that a dividend to shareholders can be declared until

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MARSHAL LI SOON RETURNING.

EXPECTED HERE ON MONDAY.

SAID TO BE COMING BY THE “SARPEDON.”

THE LATEST REPORT.

Reports of the intention of Marshal Li Chai-sum to return to Canton within the next few days are now strengthened by a statement that he is leaving Shanghai by the Blue Funnel s.s. Sarpedon, which is due here on Monday.

Recently, several telegraphic requests have been sent by Canton Government officials to Marshal Li, asking him to return, and in replying to one of these, the head of the Southern Government stated definitely that he was leaving Nanking on the 5th instant for Hangchow, on his way to Canton.

Since then, Marshal Li has been in Shanghai, and last night he was the guest of honour at a big banquet given by three Chinese commercial associations. Amongst those present at this function were General Chan Ming-shiu and General Chien Tachun.

Officials Coming.

Yesterday, a report from Canton stated that a number of high officials, including General Chan

CHINA MERCHANT WHARVES AT SHANGHAI.

N.Y.K. to Become the Owners of Adjoining Property.

WAYPOONG AND LOANS.

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

Commenting on the common knowledge that Waypoong, (Hongkong) and Shanghai Bank, have long held a lien on the China Merchants' wharves at Shanghai in connection with loans dating back to 1912, the Daily News points out that although the wharves have been operated at a considerable profit, the interest on the loans is in arrears.

The paper adds that the latest rumours that the Nippon Yusen Kaisha are about to become the owners of adjoining China Merchants' wharves are too definite to be ignored.

The purchase price is reported to be \$5,000,000.—Reuter.

Chai-tong, Commander of the 4th Nationalist Army; Mr. Wu Tchen, Commissioner of Reconstruction; Mr. Feng Cho-man, Commissioner of Finance; and Mr. Tai Chi-tau, acting Chairman of the Canton Political Council, were coming down to Hongkong some time yesterday to await the return of their chief, but a representative of the Telegraph who went to meet the Canton boat last night found that none of the officials were on board. It is thought that a change in the date of Marshal Li's departure from Shanghai has caused the officials to delay their trip to Hongkong.

There were reports current in the Colony yesterday that Marshal Li would be coming down by the P. and O. s.s. Mongolia, due here to-morrow morning, but later news is to the effect that he will come by the s.s. Sarpedon, due on Monday.

Former Officials Here.

A report in the Canton Gazette states that Mr. Koo Ying-fan, ex-Minister of Finance, and Mr. Tang Chak-yun, member of the Central Supervisory Committee, are now in Hongkong, having arrived by a Japanese ship some few days ago. They are reported to be staying with friends in the Colony.

These two gentlemen proceeded on a foreign tour last year to visit overseas Chinese in the interests of Party affairs. They are likely to stay in Hongkong until the return of Marshal Li Chai-sum and General Chen Ming-shiu, when they will probably go up to Canton.

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NATIONALIST DRIVE FAILS.

POSSIBLY DRIVEN OUT OF HSUCHOW-FU.

INTRIGUE RAMPANT.

Shanghai, Apr. 12.

Although no absolute confirmation is possible, it is believed in well-informed quarters that Marshal Chiang Kai-shek's offensive, which opened on Monday morning, has ended disastrously. The Southern forces were forced back, and it is even possible that they have lost Hsuehchow-fu, the Nationalist headquarters at the front.

Meanwhile, intrigue is rampant in Nanking, notably arising out of the question of repatriation in the settlement negotiated with Mr. MacMurray, the United States Minister, in which connexion it is believed that Mr. T. V. Soong may shortly be forced out of the Finance Ministry.

The forthcoming departure of Marshal Li Chai-sum for Canton is also significant of the lack of unity amongst the Nationalists.—Reuter.

Contrary Report.

In contrast to the above, Chinese telegrams to the Nam Chung Pao from Shanghai to-day state that the Nationalist forces have made considerable advances. The 41st Army is said to have captured Yutai, south of Taining, and the 9th Army to have occupied Tai-chwang.

Some of the 1st Army Corps are stated to have crossed the Grand Canal near Hangchow, and Marshal Chiang is said to have ordered that Lincheng be taken within three days.

The right flank of the Nationalist Army is said to have entered Shantung from north-west Kiangsu and to have advanced sixty miles over the border.

PATHETIC STORY FROM NEW TERRITORY.

MOTHER SAID TO HAVE POISONED CHILD.

A pathetic story is told in a police report received from the New Territories yesterday. The report states that a Chinese woman living at Tai Po New Market poisoned her six-months-old baby with a dose of Lysol disinfectant in which opium had also been mixed. It is said that after administering the poison to the child, she took a similar dose herself.

The child died soon afterwards, and the woman was in a very critical condition when removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday.

No motive for the affair has yet been disclosed.

A THIRD LONG HOP.

FRENCH FLYERS ARRIVE AT KARACHI.

Further progress by the French flyers Costes and Lebrun is reported by Reuter from Karachi, a message of yesterday's date stating that the airmen have arrived there.

Consequently, in three hops they have reached Karachi from Tokyo in three and a half days and have flown about 5,000 miles.

The distance from Calcutta to Karachi is roughly 1,350 miles, the airmen's other hops being from Tokyo to Hanoi, (2,500 miles), and from Hanoi to Calcutta, (1,100 miles).

GOLD COAST VISIT.

MR. J. H. THOMAS NOW ON WAY HOME.

London, Apr. 11.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, who was Colonial Secretary in the Labour Government, concluded his visit to the Gold Coast on Monday, and is now homeward bound.

The main purpose of the visit was to open Takoradi Harbour, but Mr. Thomas has since fulfilled a number of public engagements and the newspapers state that his visit has been an entire success.—British Wireless.

RUBBER GROWERS ADVISED.

TOLD NOT TO THROW UP THE SPONGE.

MR. ORMSBY-GORE SPEAKS OUT AT IPOH.

MALAYA'S STRENGTH.

Singapore, Apr. 11.

Speaking at Ipoh, the Rt. Hon. W. C. A. Ormsby-Gore said that the inception of the enquiry into rubber restriction was due to the great advance made in the use of reclaimed rubber, and the increased planting outside the restriction area.

He referred to the possibility of the growers organising a selling pool and urged British producers to concentrate in obtaining a higher yielding strain of trees.

He urged the planters to do their utmost to retain their labour, notwithstanding the unfavourable outlook for the next twelve months. Mr. Ormsby-Gore admitted that the raising of the pivotal price of rubber was a mistake.

The Producer's Case.

He emphasised that America had not entered the thoughts of the

RONOTO PARTY PRESIDENT ATTACKED.

Diet Member Also Assaulted at Tokyo Station.

POLICE QUELL FIGHT.

Tokyo, Apr. 12.

Shouting “traitor,” a party of twenty or thirty reactionaries attacked Mr. Oyama, the President of the Ronoto party, and Mr. Mizutani, the Ronoto Diet member, upon their arrival at Tokyo Station from the country.

Other Ronoto sympathisers joined in the fight which was finally quelled by a detachment of fifty police.

No casualties occurred and there were no arrests except those of two Ronoto supporters who were distributing handbills attacking Government oppression.—Reuter.

Cabinet when it was considering the question of an enquiry. Members of the Cabinet were told that a still further cut in exports was necessary to arrive at a new pivotal price even. Malaya accepted the cut, but they were not sure that Ceylon would agree.

He was aware of the advantages of some form of protection which would give the producer of a fair show against the consumer. Consequently they gave prior consideration to the producer's case.

Mr. Ormsby-Gore said he thought that unless the main producing interests outside Malaya were prepared to come in and unless Ceylon and Malaya were prepared to work together, the Government could not take any further interest in the matter but would leave the industry to fight its own battles.

Malaya's Advantage.

Some of the weaker concerns would go under, but Malaya had the advantage of contented labour under skilled management, good traditions and good government and would be in a position to fight the world as a producer.

He was convinced that low prices would bring new uses for rubber. He expected that conditions would be unsettled for the matter of a year, but after that prices would tend to stabilise and growers would be ill-advised to discharge their labour, get depressed or throw up the sponge.—Reuter.

Exemplary Fortitude.

London, Apr. 12.

The Financial Times, in an editorial, says the rubber share market has withstood the abolition of re-

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MOSCOW'S WORK IN INDIA.

EFFECT OF THE CHINESE DISORDERS.

BRITAIN VILLIFIED.

London, Apr. 12.

The Director of Public Information for the Government of India, in his review for 1926-27, says the Communist disorders in China and the despatch of an Indian Brigade to Shanghai had had an effect on India.

Moscow was busy with propaganda and its distorted picture of Britain “found acceptance in many Indian quarters where a truer appreciation of the realities of the situation might have been looked for.”

Through Moscow's agents in India there were formed at least in Bombay and Calcutta new “Workers and Peasants” parties which, unlike the Indian Communist party, seemed to enjoy both the approval and support of Communists outside India.—Reuter.

QUEEN'S NEPHEW BETTER.

NOW PRACTICALLY OUT OF DANGER.

London, Apr. 11.

The latest report from Belleville regarding Lord Trematon, who was recently injured in a motor accident, states that no further complications have arisen and the doctors are now inclined to think he is practically out of danger. It will, however, still be some time before he will be able to leave hospital.

Lord Trematon's mother, Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone, will sail from Capetown for England next Friday and proceed direct to Belleville to see her son. British Wireless.

SIXTEEN KILLED IN TRAIN CRASH.

FRENCH DRIVER CHARGED WITH HOMICIDE.

Paris, Apr. 11.

Two trains came into violent collision near the Gare du Nord. Fifteen passengers are known to have been killed and thirty seriously injured. The work of extracting the bodies is now proceeding.

The driver of one of the trains involved in the collision has been arrested on a charge of homicide, it being alleged that he ignored the danger signal.

Later information shows that sixteen passengers lost their lives in the crash and that nineteen were seriously injured.—Reuter.

INSANE CHINESE AT GOVT. HOUSE.

DECLARED H. E. OWED HIM \$600,000,000!

A Chinese, dressed according to European style called at Government House this morning and made the startling declaration that the Governor of Hongkong owed him 600 million dollars!

This statement and the generally wild appearance of the visitor suggested an unbalanced mind, and he was promptly detained by the A. D. C. and subsequently turned over to the police.

Later in the morning, the man was removed to the Lunatic Asylum, muttering and declaring that he saw a vision of “Allah standing in front of me.”

COTTON CONFERENCE.

UNIONS AND EMPLOYERS TO MEET.

London, Apr. 11.

The executives of the eight cotton Trade Unions have accepted the employers' invitation to a joint conference on April 14 to “discuss the proposals to give full productive effect to the 48 hour week” signifying that cleaning will have to be done outside ordinary working hours.—Reuter.

HUGE SUGAR LOSS BY FIRE.

Havana, Apr. 11.

Over a million dollars' worth of sugar was destroyed by fire at an American-owned warehouse at Holguin, Cuba.—Reuter.

COMMUNISTS NOW RETREATING.

GOOD WORK BY THE TROOPS.

THREE DISTRICTS RETAKEN FROM THE “REDS.”

SWATOW EXECUTIONS.

Swatow, Apr. 10.

The campaign against the Hai-Luk Fung Communists has taken a more decided turn with the appointment of General Hsu King-tong to the charge of the East River district. His troops have marched overland from Waichow and have driven the Communists up the coast in front of them.

Kat-chi, Leng-kang and the district city of Hui-lai have been retaken, and the troops have reached the neighbourhood of Chao-yang which is being held by troops from Swatow, recently reinforced by some regiments sent up from Canton.

May Cross River.

The Communists, with whom the leader of the Hai-Luk Fung Soviet Pang Pai, is said to be, must either make a stand or find a way of retreat through Phou-leng. General Huang Hsu-chu has come down into the Phou-leng district from Haidaland, so that the retreat is threatened there, and it seems probable that they will attempt to cross the river into the Kit-yang district.

Yesterday the Communists had reached the river at Kuan-pou, the first stopping place of the Swatow Kit-yang launches, at the top of the inland bay above Swatow harbour. Kit-yang launches coming down to Swatow were fired on from Kuan-pou, and those going up to Kit-yang were advised to turn back to Swatow, which they did.

Attack on Chaochow?

Across the river there is a strong bandit stronghold in the Chin-phou hills, and with these, said to be about 3,000 strong, the Communists may effect a junction, and advance either towards the Fukien border north of Chaochow-fu, or may even attack Chaochow-fu itself.

Chaochow-fu is a city of some 200,000 people, and the walls having been dismantled in recent years, lies open to attack. There are only a regiment of soldiers in it at present, and if the Communists attack the railway line again it would be difficult to rush reinforcements up.

Meanwhile there is general satisfaction at the recent progress of the campaign. It will be a pity, however, if on the retreat they are able to devastate tracts of the fertile plain which has so far largely escaped, and damage the ancient city.

Schoolboy Communists.

Five Communists were executed here two days ago, among them two lads of only sixteen and seventeen years. The extreme youth of many of those used by the Communists is one of the sad features of the movement.

A plot was recently unearthed in Chaochow-fu, and those arrested were mainly schoolboys of about fifteen years old. Yet they were organised into four gangs with definite duties assigned to them. One was to cut the pontoon bridge, one was to cut telegraph wires, one was to throw bombs, and one was to start fires in the city.

The authorities scarcely know what to do with these young “Reds.” They are so youthful that it seems a ghastly thing to shoot them; yet if set free they are dangerous, given these topsyturvy times; and the yamens seem to have little resource for dealing with criminals between these two extremes. It is said that in some schools, especially further up country, the Communist doctrine has caught hold of the students and made them a real peril.—Our Own Correspondent.

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JAPANESE NAVAL VISIT.

RECEPTION AT HONGKONG HOTEL.

About 400 guests, representing practically all classes of the community, were present at the Hongkong Hotel roof garden yesterday afternoon, when a reception to Admiral Kanji Kato and his officers was given by the Hongkong Japanese community. During the course of the afternoon, Art Smith's orchestra rendered selections and charming Japanese dances were given by Japanese girls on a stage which had been specially erected for the occasion. The stage was prettily decorated with flowers, cherry blossoms and coloured lanterns.

The guests, who were representative of all British warships, military units, Japanese and European business houses and Chinese, Portuguese and others were received by Mr. J. Abe, manager of the M.B.K., and President of the Hongkong community, and Mr. Y. Murakami, Consul General for Japan.

The Guests.

Among the guests were His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) with Captain A. J. L. Whyte, A.D.C., Admiral Sir Reginald Y. Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., D.S.O., D.C.L., Commodore J. L. Pearson, C.M.G., Major General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., with his A.D.C. Lieut. R. Q. F. Johnston.

Naval officers included Major L. W. Braithwaite, C.M.G., Capt. G. Hopwood, C.B.E., Capt. J. D. Nares, D.S.O., Capt. J. D. Glen-cross, D.S.O., Capt. M.R.J. Maxwell-Scott, D.S.O., Capt. E. L. Grievie, D.S.O., Capt. F. E. B. Haselhoff, D.S.O., Engineer Capt. W. H. Mitchell, Surg. Capt. W. W. Kerr, C.M.G., Commander B. P. MacMahon, Commander C. H. Phillips, Commander F. N. Miles, O.B.E., Commander B. W. W. Ling, Commander W. B. B. Magee, D.S.O., Commander P. R. P. Percival, D.S.O., Commander G. C. Muirhead Gould, D.S.C., Commander J. N. Pelly, Commander C. M. R. Schwerdt, Commander G. C. Cooke, Commander R. Ramsbottom, Commander J. Piggins, Paymaster Commander H. Rogers, O.B.E., Lieut. Commander C. Caslon, Lieut. Commander R. G. Chichester, Lieut. Commander D. N. C. Tufnell, D.S.C., Lieut. J. A. S. Eccles, Wing Commander R. L. Huskisson, D.S.C. (H.M.S. Hermes), Squadron Leader G.E.H. C. Macpherson (R.A.F. Base) and Paymaster Lieut. A. T. Phillips.

Military officers present included Col. R. B. Skinner, R.E., Col. Sir Victor Mackenzie, Col. F. Ivens, Lieut. Col. T. A. F. Robinson, Col. J. S. Bostock, C.B.E., Lieut. Col. P. A. Cardow, Lieut. Col. H. G. Riley, Major Harma and Lieut. C. W. P. Richardson.

Members of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps included Lieut. Col. L. G. Bird, Major R. A. Wolfe Murray, Capt. T. Addis Martin, Capt. W. Brackenridge, Capt. S. J. Jordain, Capt. K. S. Morrison, Major G. D. R. Black, Captain Sir Eric Stuart Taylor, Capt. E. P. Minett, Major H. E. Standage and Serjt. Major H. Westlake.

Other guests present included the Hon. Mr. E. R. Halifax, C. M. G., the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy, the Hon. Sir Joseph Kemp, the Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer, the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, C.M.G., the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, C.M.G., the Hon. Mr. J. A. Owen Hughes, the Hon. Mr. R. A. C. North, Sir Henry Gollan, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Lieut. Col. F. Hayley Bell, Lieut. Col. T. A. Robinson, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin, Mr. Justice Wood, the Right Rev. C. R. Duppy and the Right Rev. Bishop Valenta.

All the consulates were represented, and there were representatives from the Hongkong Club, Hongkong Jockey Club, Hongkong Cricket Club, Victoria Recreation Club, Lusitano, Chinese Recreation Club, South China Athletic Association, Indian Re-

CANTON APPOINTMENT

NEW DIRECTOR OF BUREAU OF SERICULTURE.

It is reported, says the Canton Gazette, that Mr. Ho Yung, Director of the Bureau of Sericulture who was in America on leave, was killed in a railway accident near Chicago.

The Department of Industry, under whose control the Bureau of Sericulture operates, has recommended to the Provincial Government the appointment of Mr. Fu Pao Kwong as Director. Mr. Fu has hitherto been the Assistant Director.

This recommendation was approved at the Council Meeting held on March 30.

Mr. Fu is a returned student, and for many years served in the Canton Christian College as Instructor in Agriculture, assisting Mr. Howard later. He has had extensive practical experience in this work, and is the right man for the post.

The Bureau of Sericulture was instituted under the control of the Department of Industry to undertake research work for the purpose of promoting improvement in present methods. Among its manifold studies are the Breeding and Selection of disease free Silk Worms; Improving Cocoons; Improving Methods of Silk Reeling; Investigation into the possibilities of Cold Storage for preserving Cocoons and Eggs. Last but not the least of its many interesting functions is the provision of facilities for the education of farmers. A model silk worm farm and filature replete in all detail, are maintained and at these establishments farmers are always welcome, while helpful advice is readily given.

GRAMOPHONE CLAIM.

JUDGMENT GIVEN AGAINST ABSENT DEFENDANT.

Arising out of a judgment delivered in chambers by the Chief Justice, Sir Henry Gollan on February 7, last, Mr. F. X. d'Almada representing Chant Tach trading as the Pason Gramophone Co., claimed from Ching Wai-man in the Summary Court \$199.20, being \$100 due on the original claim and the balance for four gramophones which were sold to the defendant, for whom Mr. H. S. Loseby appeared, the defendant himself being absent.

On February last the plaintiff was awarded \$980 on a claim for 100 gramophones sold to the defendant and of this sum all except \$100 had been paid.

In evidence the assistant manager of the Pason Gramophone Company stated that the defendant took four gramophones for sale on approval. The machines were worth \$24.80 each and there was also \$100 due from the defendant as balance on a previous number of gramophones sold to the defendant. This transaction was the subject of the claim on February last.

After cross-examining the witness, who denied that the \$100 had been paid, Mr. Loseby said that as his client was not present in Court he could not go on any further. A claim had been made out by the plaintiffs.

Mr. d'Almada then asked for judgment, which was awarded with costs.

creation Club, Royal Hongkong Golf Club, Baseball Association, Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, the local newspapers, Hospitals, Churches and the Hongkong University.

Prior to the reception the Commander-in-Chief, Staff and Flag Officers were the guests of the Japanese Consul General at dinner. In the evening a dinner was given in honour of Admiral Kato and his staff officers at Government House.

JAPANESE COMMUNISTS.

PUBLIC CONFIDENCE NOW RESTORED.

Tokyo, Apr. 11.
An indication of the round-up of extremists and of increased prospects of the Government weathering the coming Diet session, is seen in the opening quotations of the Tokyo Stock Exchange, which registered an advance to Yen 80 while shares generally show a firmer tone.—*Reuter*.

PROCURING CASE.

WOMAN FOUND GUILTY OF HARBOURING.

The case in which a Chinese woman is charged with procuring girls for the purpose of prostitution and alternatively with harbouring them came to an end yesterday in Mr. R. E. Lindell's court when sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on the woman.

The sentence was in respect of the harbouring of a *mui tsai* who ran away from her home and found shelter in the house of the defendant. The woman in a statement to the Magistrate said that the girl was brought to her house by an amah named Ah Sze. She did not wish the *mui tsai* to stay with her and had ordered her to go away. The latter, however, refused to go and threatened to commit suicide, whereupon the defendant told her she could stay if she consented to marry a man named Fo Chun.

His Worship enquired of defendant why she was so anxious to arrange for the girl to get married, and on receiving no satisfactory explanation passed sentence as stated above.

There were several other charges of harbouring against the defendant, all of which, however, were dropped by his Worship who was not satisfied that the evidence produced by Mr. Williams, of the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs, was sufficient to convict.

AMERICAN ELECTIONS.

THOMPSON'S DEFEAT FORETOLD.

Chicago, Apr. 11.
Early returns of the elections indicate that "Big Bill" Thompson, who is standing as a committee man for his ward (and not for re-election as mayor) will be defeated.—*Reuter's American Service*.

A Lawyer Murdered.

New York, Apr. 11.
The consensus of opinion as expressed in the Press is that "the rule in Chicago of Big Bill Thompson, the schoolbook burning foe of King George," has ended. Mr. Small is practically snowed under by his opponent.

Crimes continue, the most startling being the murder of a negro lawyer, who, accompanied by two other negroes, was driving through his own ward with a car decked with anti-Small posters. Another car came up and pursued it until it ran into the kerb. The pursuers fired a broadside and sped away, killing the lawyer and seriously wounding his companion. Senator Deane's followers complain that the returns are being delayed.—*Reuter's American Service*.

"Thompsonism" Crushed.

Chicago, Apr. 11.
The returns for two thirds of the State of Illinois show that "Thompsonism" has been crushing defeat. The majority of Mr. Louis Emmerson, who is Senator Deane's nominee for the governorship over the Thompson nominee, Mr. Small, promises to be 400,000, double the figure predicted.—*Reuter's American Service*.

PRISON RAIDED.

GERMAN COMMUNIST FORCIBLY RELEASED.

Berlin, Apr. 11.
Half a dozen young communists, heavily armed, forced their way into the police station in the Moabit quarter and liberated the writer, Herr Otto Braun, who was under arrest on the charge of high treason.

The raiders had revolvers in their hands and forced the officers to put their hands up. One of the latter, attempting to resist, was knocked down with a rubber truncheon.

The whole station staff was roused by the tumult and rushed to the rescue but the raiders escaped in a motorcar with Braun, with one exception, who refused to give information about himself.

Flankee Responsible.

Later.
The raid was at the Moabit prison and not at the police station. The plot to bring about Braun's escape was allegedly watched by his fiancée, the twenty-year old Olga Benario with whom he was chatting in the visitors room when the gang burst in and overpowered the warders. They carried off both Braun and Olga. Braun has been in prison for a year awaiting trial.—*Reuter*.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH.

FIFTEEN DEATHS LAST WEEK.

The number of cases of infectious disease reported to the Medical Officer of Health last week was heavier than for several months past. The total came to 27, of which 19 were small-pox, four enteric fever, three diphtheria and one cerebro-spinal fever. All were Chinese with the exception of one Japanese imported case of enteric. One of the Chinese cases of enteric was also imported.

Of the cases, 15 were reported from the Victoria registration district, 11 from Kowloon and one from Shaikwan.

The deaths numbered 15. Twelve of these were from small-pox and one each from diphtheria, cerebro-spinal fever and puerperal fever. There were also three deaths from influenza, which is not a notifiable disease.

Yesterday's return, contained seven cases—two of small-pox and one each of diphtheria, enteric fever, paratyphoid fever, cerebro-spinal fever and puerperal fever. The paratyphoid case was British and the enteric "Scottish" (imported), the others being all Chinese.

KOWLOON WEDDING.

CEREMONY AT ROSARY CHURCH.

The wedding took place at the Rosary Church at Kowloon on Monday afternoon, of Miss Agnes Alice Loureiro, daughter of the late Mr. Walter Henry Wilde Loureiro and Mrs. Loureiro, and Mr. Antonio Senna da Roza, son of the late Mr. Hilario Baptista da Roza of Macao and the late Mrs. da Roza. The Rev. Father G. M. Spada officiated.

The bride, who was attended by the Misses Celeste Beltrao and Jessie Loureiro as bridesmaids, was given away by her brother, Mr. William Loureiro. The "best man" was Mr. Januario Agostinho de Almeida.

During the service appropriate wedding music was played by the organist, Mr. O. Baptista.

A reception was later held at 61 Austin Road, where the newly-married couple received the congratulations of their many friends. They later left for their honeymoon, which is being spent in Macao.

WHEN EATING IS HARD WORK.

What the Dyspeptic Thinks.

Men and women who come to the table with haggard, drawn looks and poor appetite are to be pitied for their miserable existence. They are afraid to eat food which is normal, robust persons will enjoy. However hungry they may be, even the lightest meal brings a recurrence of those indigestion pains which cause the victim agony.

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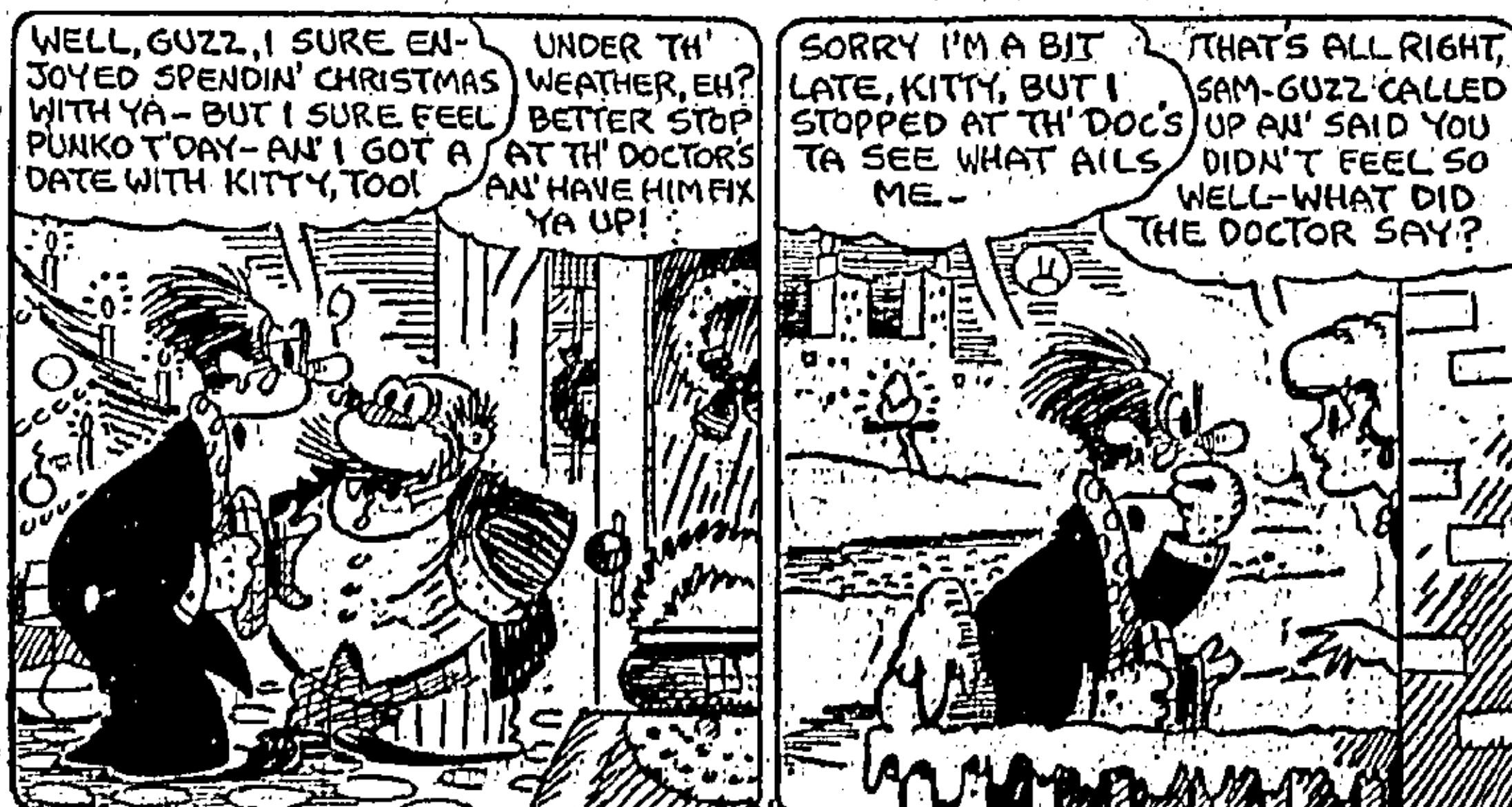
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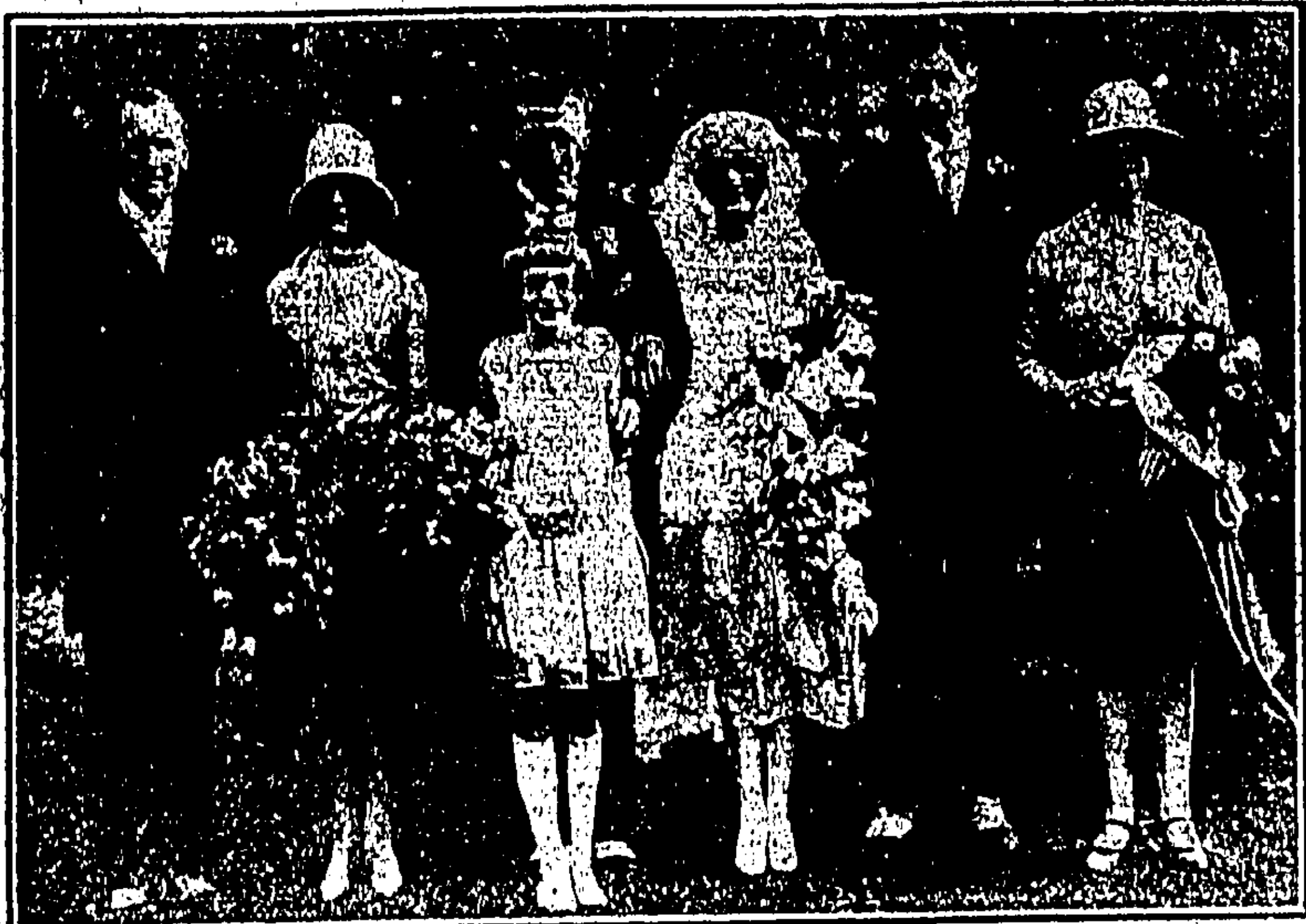


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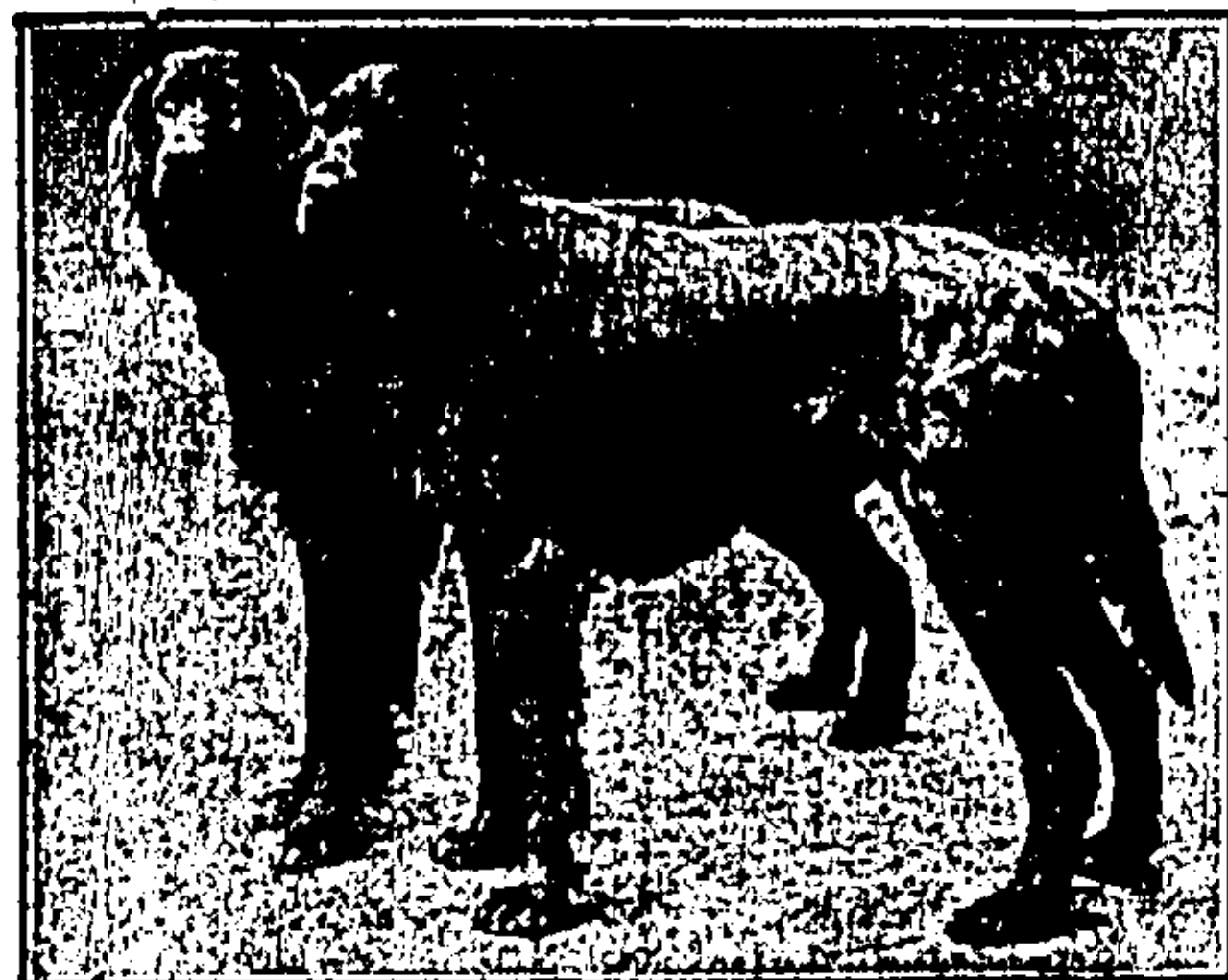
Bridal group taken after the wedding at Holy Trinity Cathedral Shanghai, of Mr. Johnston and Miss Dorothy Elsie Campbell. Left to right: Mr. Gavin L. Campbell (father of the bride), Miss Dene Ford, bridesmaid, bridegroom and bride, Mr. J. R. Masson, best man, and Mrs. Campbell, mother of the bride. Standing in front of the bridegroom is Miss Dorothy Cate, bridesmaid.



The Archbishop of Canterbury ringing the great bell which has been cast for Riverside Church, New York. (Times copyright).



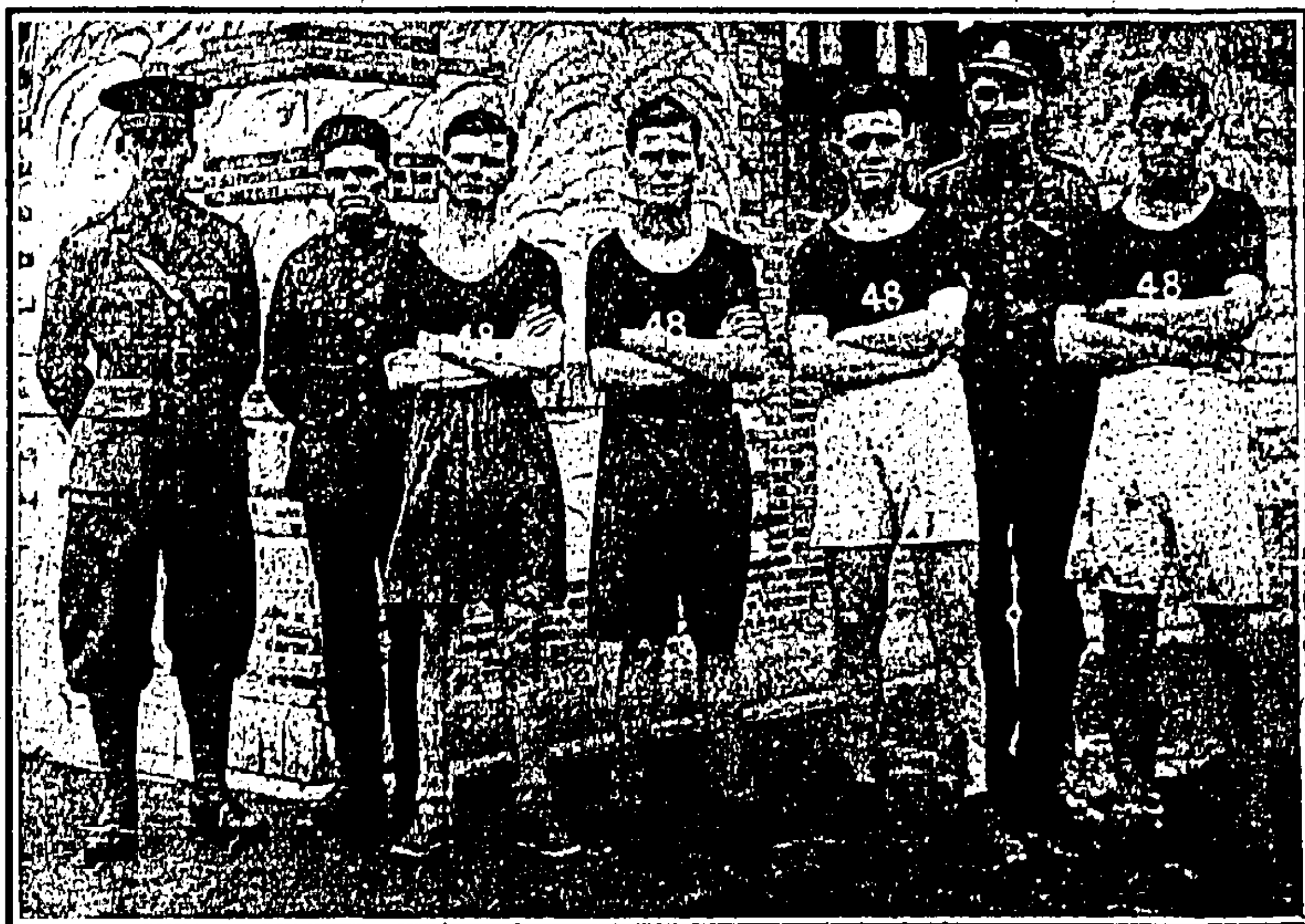
The chestnut trees in the Champs Elysees are being replaced by plane trees. The unfamiliar look of the famous avenue after the chestnuts had been removed and before the planes had been planted. (Times copyright).



The annual City and Suburban Canine Society Dog show was held recently at Holland Park Hall. Our picture shows Mr. F. B. Bosworth's Irish setters Stylhurst Weaver and His Eminence—prize winners at the show. (Times copyright).



Our picture shows Miss E. M. Newman's Dalmatian Ponge the Warrior of Hyders another prize winner at the show. (Times copyright).



The team of cross-country runners from the Northants who have been competing in runs organized by the Shanghai Amateur Athletic Club this year, and have, with other service runners, helped to make the season one of the most successful in the club's history.



Mr. Bertram B. Everest and his bride, Miss Gladys Gundry, after their wedding at St. Joseph's Church Shanghai. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Everest, of Leeds, Yorkshire, and is on the staff of the Provisional Court. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gundry, of Shanghai.



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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE.

The fiftieth Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Shareholders of the above Company will be held at the Offices of the General Agents, Pedder Street, on Tuesday, 24th April, 1928, at noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1927. The transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 17th to 24th April, 1928, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON, AND CO. LTD.,
General Agents,
Hongkong, 12 April, 1928.

HONGKONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Sixth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders of the Hongkong Engineering and Construction Company Limited, will be held in the Office of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 14th day of April, 1928, at 11.00 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Board of Directors and a Statement of Accounts for the year ended on the 31st December, 1927, and of electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 8th to the 14th April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
S. COURTNEY COOK,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 31st March, 1928.

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SEVENTH EXTRA RACE MEETING.

SUNDAY, 15TH APRIL, 1928.
First Race 1.15 p.m.
Public Enclosure 40 cents
Members Enclosure \$1.00

RACE STEAMERS.

Special reduced Saloon Fares \$5 return.

FROM HONGKONG WHARF.

S.S. "Taishan" 8.30 a.m. Returning from Macao at 5.30 p.m.

FROM WING LOK ST. WHARF.

S.S. "Sai An" 9.30 a.m. Returning from Macao at 3.30 p.m.

By Order,
S. W. CHENG,
Secretary.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 16th day of April, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Pillar Island in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

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NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the practice hitherto carried on by the undersigned C. A. S. Russ as Lee and Russ, will from the 1st April, 1928, be carried on as RUSS & Co. Dated the 28th day of March, 1928.

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SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

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Banks.
Hongkong Bank, \$1300 b.
Chartered Bank, \$21 b.
Mercantile A. & B., \$341 n.
P. and O., \$24 n.
East Asia, \$75 b.
Insurance.
Canton Ins., \$680 b.
Union Ins., \$333 b.
North China Ins., Tls. 143 n.
Yangtze Ins., \$461 b.
China Underwriters, \$24 b.
China Fire, \$215 n.
H. K. Fire Ins., \$760 b.

Shipping.

Douglases, \$401 s.
H. K. Steamboats, \$28 b.
H. K. Tugs, \$21 s.
Indo-China, (Def.) \$74 n.
Shell Trans., \$91 n.
Union Waterboats, \$201 b.

Mining.

Benguets, \$21 n.
Kailans, 66/- n.
Langkats, Tls. \$16 n.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.75 b.
Raubas, \$41 b.
Tronohs, 17/6 b.

Decks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, \$139 s.
Whampoa Docks, \$45 s.
China Providents, \$5.75 b.
Hongkows, Tls. 154 b.
New Engineering, Tls. 4.80 s.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 109 b.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.60 b.
Orientals, Tls. \$2.05 b.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 58 (old) b.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, \$9.15 b.
H. K. Lands, \$69 s.
S'hai Lands, Tls. \$138 b.
Humphreys, \$15 b.
Roads, \$8.25 b.
Territorials, \$11 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, \$251 s.
Peak Trams, (old) \$13 b.
Star Ferries, \$64 s.
China Lights, (old) \$13.85 b.
H'kong Electric, \$701 s.
Macao Electric, \$261 b.
Telephones, \$4.61 b.
China Buses, Tls. 61 n.
Singapore Traction, 11/9 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, \$6.10 sa.
Malabons, \$241 sa.
Canton Ice, \$4 b.
Cements (Comb.) \$101 s.
Ropes (Old) \$3 n.
United Asbestos \$10 s.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, \$221 b.
Watsons, \$14 b.
Der A. Wing, 75 s.
Lane Crawford, \$3.75 b.
Mackintosh, \$22 s.
Sinceras, \$10 b.
Wm. Powells, \$5 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, \$291 n.
Constructions, \$11 n.
B'quo Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 8% Prem.

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Prince Henry, Duke of Gloucester, addressing 700 business men on British industry at the annual dinner of the London Chamber of Commerce, at the Connaught Rooms, used the analogy of the hunting field.

"We read of new fields for trade," he said. "The march of civilisation means a fresh demand for the products of manufacturing countries. Trade and commerce is becoming an international struggle. If England is to maintain her position we must be there—and to be there means to push and thrust, much the same as one must do in a crowded hunting field if one wants to be in at the kill." (Cheers).

Sir Douglas Hogg, the Attorney-General, said: "I am not sure that the people as a whole quite realise the task that confronted our commercial and industrial classes when the War came to an end. We found that our markets had disappeared, and our customers gone. Our merchants and manufacturers were faced with the task of building up afresh that industrial pre-eminence."

"I think the commercial community has no cause to be ashamed of its efforts. I am told that an eighth of the export trade of the world belongs to this country, and not less than a fifth of the import trade. But we have not by far reached the zenith of our endeavour."

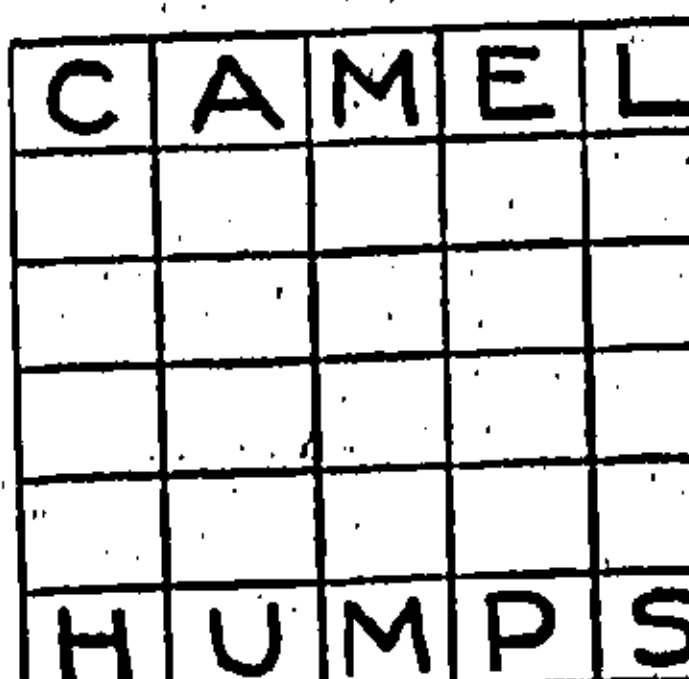
Turning to the possibility of development in the Republic of South America, he added: "For the full development of the natural resources of South America only the provision of capital is required. The country which places the capital is most likely to secure the orders. I can only hope that Great Britain will be that country."

LETTER GOLF.

From CAMEL to HUMPS is a short journey for letter golfers. The road is a little



rocky, however, and par is five.



1.—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another by changing one letter at a time.
2.—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.
3.—The order of letters cannot be changed.
One solution is printed on another page.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

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Newfoundland	14.20	.71

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24th February, 1928.

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It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to \$1.65 per word.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTEY, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 6 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to examination by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Straits	Suisang	April 12
Shanghai	Newchwang	April 12
Europe via Suva, Yokohama and parcels		April 12
10th March	Kashgar	April 13
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Lima Maru	April 13
Shanghai	Mongolia	April 13
Shanghai	Soochow	April 14
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shang-		
hai	Pres. Jackson	April 15
Straits	Hakusan Maru	April 15
Shanghai	Yalen	April 15
Manila	Emp. of Canada	April 16
Australia and Manila	Mishima Maru	April 19
Japan and Shanghai	Suwa Maru	April 20
Japan	Aki Maru	April 24

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Sam Shui and Wuchow	San Ning	Thurs, April 12, 4 p.m.
Holhow and Tourane	Devawongse	Thurs, April 12, 5 p.m.
Saigon	Froment	Fri, April 13, 2.30 p.m.
Amoy	Sin Sang	Fri, April 13, 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Kashgar	Fri, Apr. 13, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Mongolia	Sat, April 14, K.P.O.

Parcels April 13, 4.30 p.m.
Registration April 14, 9 a.m.
Letters April 14, 10 a.m.
G.P.O.

Parcels April 13, 5 p.m.
Registration April 14, 9.45 a.m.
Letters April 14, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 11th May.)

Holhow, Pakhoi and Halphong Tean Sat, Apr. 14, 10 a.m.
Amoy Anhui Sat, Apr. 14, 5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa Kishu Maru Sun, April 15, 8.30 a.m.
Bangkok via Swatow Kinying Sun, Apr. 15, 9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan Hakusan Maru Mon, Apr. 16, 10.30 a.m.

Amoy Soochow Mon, Apr. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Manila Pres. Jackson Mon, Apr. 16, 4.30 p.m.
Bangkok Chin Hua Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow Hai Hong Tues, Apr. 17, 1 p.m.

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America, and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia Pres. Pierce Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Registration Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Letters Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 7th May.)

Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C. and S. America, and Europe via Vancouver, B.C. and Europe via Siberia Pres. Pierce Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Parcels Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Registration Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
Letters Tues, Apr. 17, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Victoria B.C. 7th May.)

Formosa and Honolulu Korea Maru Wed, April 18, 8.30 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Jarpedon Wed, April 18, K.P.O.

Registration Wed, April 18, 9 a.m.
Letters Wed, April 18, 10 a.m.
G.P.O.

Registration Wed, April 18, 9.45 a.m.
Letters Wed, April 18, 10.30 a.m.
(Due Marseilles 16th May.)

Japan Bokuyo Maru Thurs, Apr. 19, 10.30 a.m.

Japan Mishima Maru Fri, Apr. 20, 9.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles Suwa Maru Sat, April 21, K.P.O.

Registration April 20, 4.30 p.m.
Letters April 21, 9 a.m.
G.P.O.

Registration Sat, Apr. 21, 9.

OBITUARY.

DEATH OF VISCOUNT COLVILLE.

London, Mar. 25.—The death is announced of Viscount Colville.

[The late Viscount Colville of Culross was born in April, 1854, and was educated at Harrow. He formerly held the rank of Major in the Grenadier Guards and served in the Zulu War, 1879, (mentioned in despatches). He was A.D.C. to the Commander-in-Chief, Bombay, 1881-83; Military Secretary to the Governor-General of Canada, 1888-92; Lt.-Colonel Territorial Force Reserve, 1915, attached to the staff of the London District Command. The heir to the title is the Master of Colville. (Lt.-Commander the Hon. Charles Alexander Colville), who retired from the R.N. in 1920.]

Mr. Samuel Clowes, M.P.

London, Mar. 25.—The death has occurred of Mr. Samuel Clowes, M.P. (Labour, Hanley).

[The late Mr. Samuel Clowes was elected M.P. for the Hanley Division of Stoke-on-Trent in 1924. He was General Secretary of the National Society of Pottery Workers, a member of the Stoke-on-Trent Town Council, and President of the National Pottery Council.]

Mr. A. G. Clayton.

London, Mar. 24.—The death has occurred suddenly of Mr. Arthur Gardner Clayton.

[Mr. Clayton was an officer in the second class of the Ceylon Civil Service. He retired in 1918 at the age of 53 years owing to ill-health after 17 years' service in the Colony. Mr. Clayton was employed in Jamaica and British Honduras before coming out to Ceylon. In Ceylon he was throughout connected with the Colonial Secretary's office and was for many years clerk to the Legislative Council.]

It is believed that Mr. John L. Baird, the Scottish inventor of television, is on the eve of another astounding discovery. It will, it is claimed, revolutionise telegraphy. Messages will be sent at such great speed over any distance that reception and transmission will be practically instantaneous. Details are not yet available, but the development of the television principle ensures its ultimate success.

TO-DAY'S FILMS.

"THE EAGLE OF THE SEA" AT QUEEN'S.

Adapted from the book "Captain Sazanc" by Charles Tenney Jackson, "The Eagle of the Sea," the new picture at the Queen's Theatre to-day, has been produced on a large scale by Frank Lloyd, and is worthy to rank with "The Sea Hawk," which was produced by the same director, Frank Lloyd. The story is woven around the colourful life and adventures of Jean Lafitte, the last of the buccaniers. Ricardo Cortez portrays the dashing pirate in fitting manner, while Florence Vidor is sweetly pretty as the young belle who takes a hand in the destiny of nations. Many exciting scenes are provided in the picture, not the least being a thrilling fight between the pirates and the Spanish Fleet. "The Eagle of the Sea" will be screened at the Queen's Theatre until Saturday.

"Robin Hood."

Douglas Fairbanks' famous productions, "Robin Hood," which returns to the World Theatre to-day, blends facts and fantasy, history and legend, and combines artistic beauty with an authoritative interpretation of the spirit of romance and adventure prevailing in the Twelfth Century. "Robin Hood" offers at once a splendid story of adventure, skilful acting and magnificent settings. The more serious moments of the romance are relieved here and there with a touch of subtle humour. Enid Bennett, Wallace Beery and Willard Louis lend the huge supporting cast. "Robin Hood" will be screened until Saturday.

"Shipwrecked."

The new picture at the Star Theatre to-day, "Shipwrecked," as the title implies, is a stirring tale of the sea. Senn Owen, the heroine, plays the part of an artist's model, who shoots an odious employer, and then seeks refuge on a sailing ship bound for the Tropics. During the voyage, the ship runs into a hurricane, is disabled, and finally drifts ashore on a South Sea Island, where many strange events follow and the thrilling climax is reached. Supporting Miss Owen are Joseph Schildkraut, Mathew Betz and Lionel Belmore. The programme also includes an excellent comedy, and an interesting topical gazette showing the new Ford car on its trial runs.

WOMAN'S WORLD
FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Worry.

AND WEAKENED HEARTS.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

The American heart! That's the thing that puzzles the health dispensers now. We have a better chance of living our full three score years and ten than our grandparents—if our hearts hold out.

But our hearts aren't holding out, that's the trouble. And it is becoming the great American mystery. Why?

The specialist marks you over with blue chalk like a game of hop-scotch, listens, shakes his head, and remarks sternly, "You have been running up all the hills on high. Take it easy, shift your gears, and don't work so hard."

But nobody with fixed habits ever listens to him, and by the time we need heart specialists we usually have fixed habits. But it is bad business. We must listen and we must shift gears or the old bus is going to the scrap heap.

The Tea Hour.

SOME FASHIONS FOR THE TEA TABLE.

According to some authorities, tea-parties are dead so far as the smart world is concerned, and instead of five o'clock for tea, your invitation is for six p.m. and cocktails. But don't believe it—the tea habit will die hard, and is by no means dying yet. In proof of which, Paris has adopted a new way of serving the lemon-juice which some of us take in preference to milk, or with a view to keeping that schoolboy outline.

Instead of cutting slices of lemon and serving them in a saucer with a little silver fork, it is now correct to squeeze the lemons beforehand, strain the juice, and serve it in a tiny jug like the milk-jug, only smaller. Some people don't care for this method, as they say you miss the flavour contained in the oily rind of the lemon. But there you are—it's new?

Girls More Subtle.

DOOM OF THE FLAPPER.

Gone is the flapper. In her place has come the young woman with poised, soft-toned and correct speech, soberly dressed, and without closely cropped hair.

Such are the specifications of Miss 1928 as portrayed in the current number of the *Junior League Magazine*, which is the national organ of the younger social sets of some 30 of the principal American cities.

According to an investigation which has been concluded by members of the league throughout the country, it has been revealed that the flapper has sung her swan song in north, south, east, and west. It is stated:

Those hard-boiled little things with shaved necks have gone com-

Six Clever Little Shanghai Dancers.



A charming group showing some of Mrs. Madeleine Goulden's pupils who gave a number of delightful dances at the M.C.L. Bazaar at Shanghai last month.

But all bad hearts are not caused by over work, or by burning the candle at both ends. The chief contributing cause of nerve and consequent heart trouble is worry. The old adage "Worry doesn't kill but worry will" was never as true as in the year of Our Lord 1928. We worry more every month. We can't stop. It is a disease as progressive as tuberculosis.

A woman worried because she thought she had a malignant growth. It looked indeed as though she had. At last an operation proved it to be only a small tumour and she recovered her health completely. Did she stop worrying? It wasn't a month until she was worrying herself to death, literally, over a rug with a hole eaten in it by radio acid!

"A man faced ruin. He had taken a long chance and missed. For a while it looked as though his creditors could make things very unpleasant. Friends helped—he came out clean, with a new start and a sunny future ahead. But by the second moon, he was fretting himself nigh to madness

A Flower Holder.

The artistic arrangement of flowers depends very much upon the holder which supports them. There is a new type of support which seems to have advantages over the more useful glass bulb, where one is restricted to the use of the set holes.

This holder is an openwork stand made of antimony and lead, so that while it is heavy, to prevent it from upsetting, it will not rust nor scratch the bowl in which it is used. The stand being entirely open, the water circulates freely around the flower stems, and the blooms can be arranged in any position desired. The stands are made in two colours, green and silver.

because his neighbour was building a garage that spoiled his view.

When we Americans learn to accept we will save heart specialists a lot of trouble and for ourselves a few extra years.

pletely out of style. This year's style in young girls is to be quiet, conversational, and terribly in earnest about careers.

More Polish.

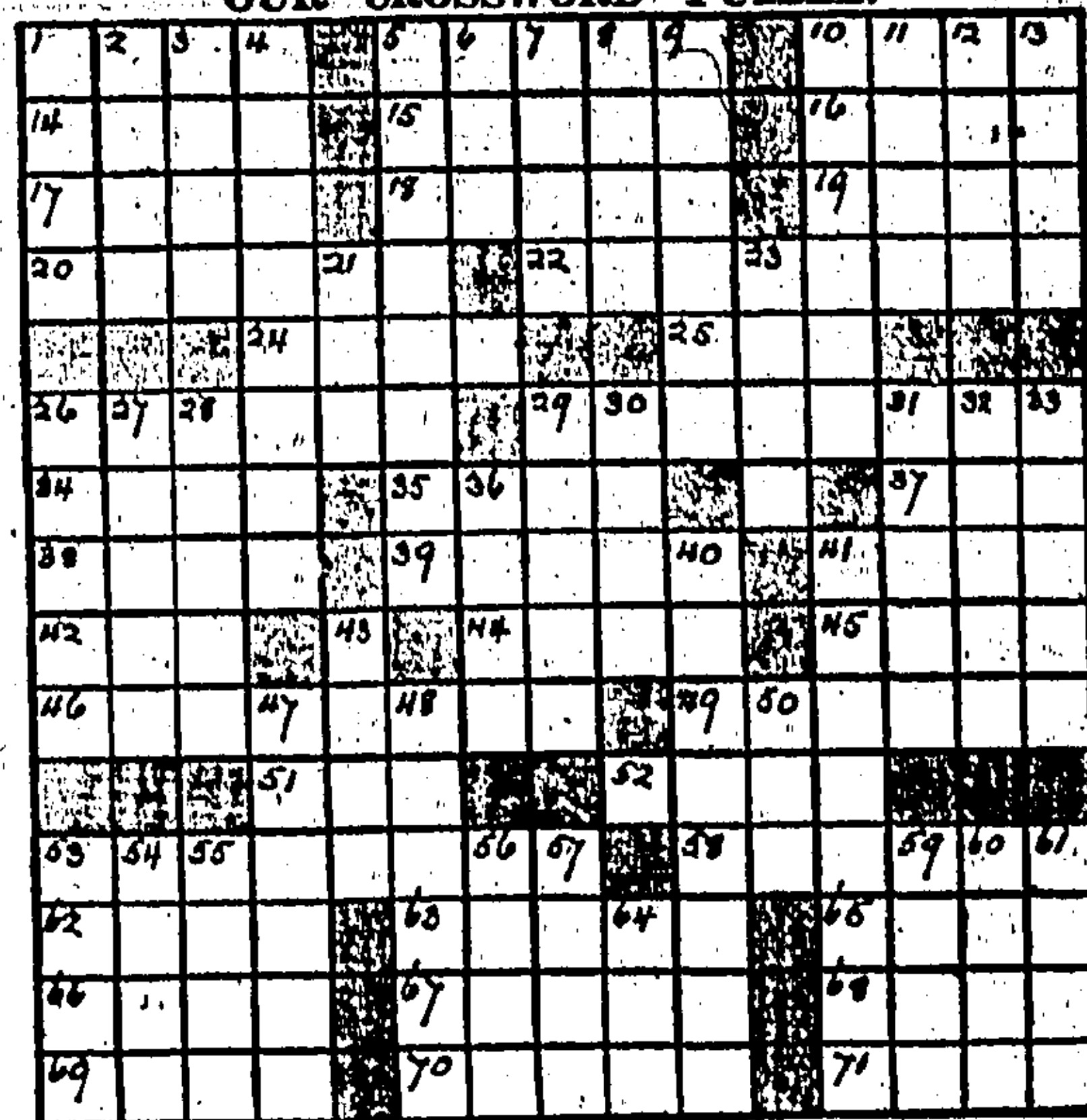
Another article written by four members of the league in different parts of the country says that:

The flapper was a post-war creation. Her hair overnight resembled that of a Hottentot. Her skirts ended about her knees. She sneaked her brother's cigarettes, and swore like a trooper.

Her make-up was as crude as a clown's. She was supposed to be a neck artist, expert pouter, a boozehound, and human smoke stack.

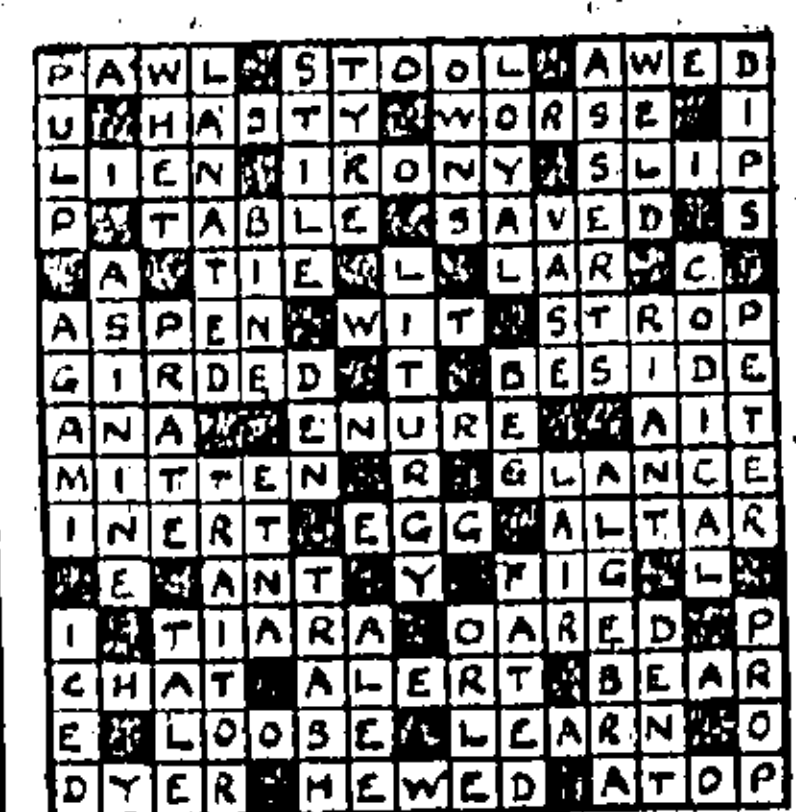
Miss 1928, on the other hand, is much more subtle and polished, and she wears black satin instead of cerise. She blends rouge evenly and inhales cigarettes gracefully without puffing furiously, and, unlike her predecessor, she drinks her liquor from a tenebrous rather than from a flask.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



- Across.
- Boundless.
 - Military Chaplain.
 - Unhesitating dash.
 - Pertaining to wings.
 - Condition.
 - Like.
 - Ponderous book.
 - Heath.
 - Afraid.
 - Affirms.
 - Small dogs.
 - Durable wood.
 - Snare.
 - Principal document.
 - Scholar.
 - Magnificence.
 - Sound returned.
 - Past.
 - Otherwise.
 - Believes in a supreme being.
 - Flat bottomed boat.
 - Prevalent.
 - Vascular net-work of vessels (Anat.).
 - Prong.
 - Bagged.
 - Badge of an order.
 - Be in debt.
 - Unsubdued.
 - Slight.
 - Household.
 - Sediment.
 - Having the mouth wide open.
 - Overlay with gold.
 - Approach.
 - Field fortification.
 - Genuine.
 - Encages.
 - Adorned.
 - Sacred lyric.
- Down.
- Wooden tanks.
 - In a low place.
 - Identical.
 - Written composition.
 - Throbbled.
 - Collection of sayings.
 - Mark made by a blow.
 - Travelled.
 - Power exerted.
 - Liquid principal of oil.
 - Solitary.
 - Affirm.
 - Recent intelligence.
 - Dress fabric.
 - Hoar frost.
 - Inferior wheat.
 - Eyelashes.
 - Place again.
 - Throw (Colloq.).
 - Expense.
 - Silent.
 - Age (O. T.).
 - One that rows.
 - Term applied to place destitute of feathers.
 - Natural covering.
 - Animal force.
 - Felled.
 - Warms thoroughly.
 - Fox.
 - Part of the verb "to be."
 - Strike.
 - Yield.
 - Restrained.
 - Bore.
 - Lead.
 - Ethereal.
 - Frowning.
 - Paradise.
 - A step.

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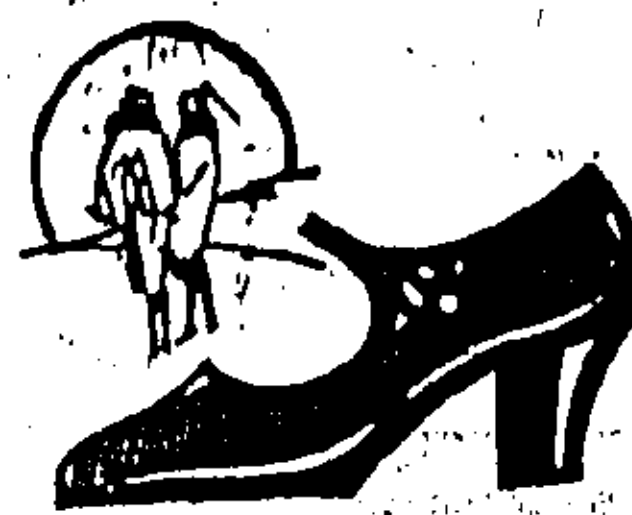
BRANDY AND WHISKY AS PRIZES.

London, Mar. 24.

The Rector of St. Thomas', Ardwick, Manchester, is indignant at having to abandon the church draw for parish funds, for which there was sold 5,000 tickets at 2d. each in consequence of a Police warning.

The prizes included port and brandy, which the Rector justified on the ground that the former is almost regarded as a teetotal drink and the latter might be a God-send, but he turned down whisky.

By means of a new process—that of enamelling steel coaches—the L.M. and S. Railway Company hope to effect a considerable saving in time and money hitherto expended on re-painting.



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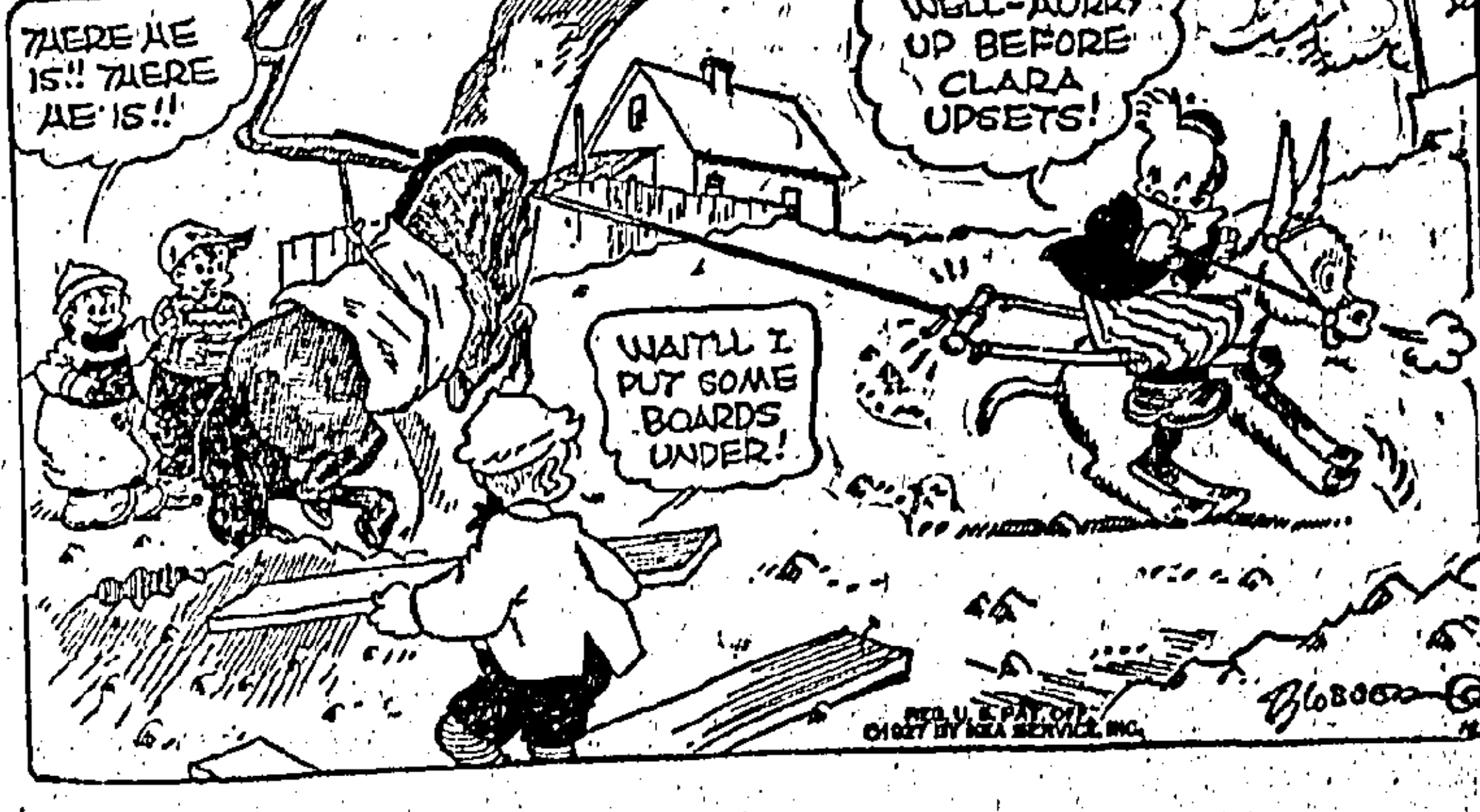
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HARRIMAN.—At Ilford, Essex,
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son, (Paul).The
Hongkong Telegraph.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 1928.

COMMUNIST PLOTS.

From the fact that something like a thousand "Red" suspects have been arrested in Japan during the past few weeks, and that the authorities have deemed it wise to suppress three extremist political organisations, it is fairly obvious that Communism has been gaining a dangerous hold on the country. Indeed, we have it on the word of the Procurator-General that the revolutionary spirit is "pretty well diffused." So much has been disclosed by the action taken by the Government against the extensive plot to undermine the foundation of the Empire from within. This scheme, we are told, is regarded as even more serious than a threat of armed force from without.

Yesterday's cables gave a lengthy summary of the discoveries made by the Japanese authorities, from which it will have been gathered that the movement was very highly organised, so much so that it became a difficult matter to track down the leaders and their followers. Although there would appear to have been an obvious anxiety on the part of the authorities to avoid the definite fastening of blame on to the Soviet, there is more than a suggestion that Russian direction is behind the whole movement. The Procurator-General refers to the influence of radical ideas from an alien people, and it is definitely asserted that the leaders of the plot received their training from the Third Internationale, which is also suspected of having freely supplied funds to the revolutionists. If further investigations bring the guilt more closely home, we cannot see how Japan can well maintain her present friendship with Moscow, nor how she can very well refrain from adopting the course forced on other nations who have suffered from the effect of Soviet propaganda—namely, the closing down of the Russian Embassy and the expulsion of Soviet officials. It would appear, however, that the Japanese authorities have been, for internal political reasons, anxious to avoid a break with Russia, despite the fact that anti-Communist

organisations have openly declared that the Soviet representative has been supplying funds for the stirring up of trouble in the country. On the other hand, the spirit of loyalty to the Empire and the Royal House is nowhere stronger than it is in Japan, and that being the case, we can well imagine the chagrin of the Government and the people alike at the discovery of this widespread plot against the whole foundation of Japan's social and political system.

For ourselves, we have not the slightest doubt that Russia is at the bottom of this trouble, just as she is involved in the attempt by extremists to establish an independent Federated State of India by armed revolution. Preaching universal peace, the Soviet is today the most potent disturber of world-amity, and so highly organised have its plans become that it is extremely difficult to cope with the widespread ramifications of the movement. The time has come, in our opinion, for something more than representations to Russia by individual States; all who have suffered by reason of Soviet plotting should join in a united protest, at the same time calling on Russia to cease her subversive policies. Mere diplomatic Notes of the usual type are of little avail, for they only call forth quibbling replies which ignore the real points at issue. Sterner methods are needed if the evil is to be suppressed.

Automatic Telephones.

The Chairman's announcement at the annual meeting, yesterday, of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Ltd., that conversion to the automatic system will most likely be completed within two years is important inasmuch as it demonstrates once again the progressive spirit which characterises local enterprise, and also because it marks another important development in bringing the Colony into line with the many cities which have proved the effectiveness of the system. The installation of automatic telephones in Shanghai has been followed by extremely satisfactory results, giving an improved and quicker service than was possible by the older method. It was revealed at yesterday's meeting that Home experts have been consulted on the system for Hongkong and we think the Company can be relied upon to give the Colony the best possible method known at the present time. In recent years the existing service has been considerably improved and the Company has made numerous gestures indicative of its desire to give good service to the public. The march of progress demands that the old order shall give way to the new, and however satisfactory the present service might be, it is eminently desirable that Hongkong should not be behind the times in modern communications. The Colony may appear to develop very slowly, but progress has been hampered by circumstances too well known to need repetition, and now that the outlook is considerably brighter we may expect both the Government and local public utility companies to see their way clear to forge ahead and bring the Colony into line with those places which have adopted and found successful new methods brought to light by painstaking research and experiment. In recent years the Colony has, among other things, seen marked improvements in transport on sea and land while communications have been improved by numerous wireless services. It is fitting, therefore, that telephone communication in the Colony should be thoroughly modernised. This, once a dream, is now very near to reality.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, Apr. 11.

Paris	124
New York	48 9/32
Brussels	84.95
Geneva	25.33
Amsterdam	12.14
Milan	92.55
Berlin	20.41
Stockholm	18.17
Copenhagen	18.29
Oslo	18.27
Vienna	84.705
Prague	16.45
Helsinki	19.34
Madrid	29.045
Lisbon	24
Athens	308.4
Bucharest	782.59/64
Buenos Aires	47.25/24
Bombay	1.531/32
Shanghai	2.634
Hongkong	1.119/16
Yokohama	1.285/16
Silver (spot)	26.4
Silver (forward)	26.4

—British Wireless.

DAY BY DAY.

SIN HAS THE DREADFUL POWER TO REPEAT ITSELF INDEFINITELY AND INFINITELY THROUGH THE MIND.—Max Adler.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

The Empress of Canada, from Manila, is due here at 6 a.m. on Monday and will berth at Pier No. 5, Kowloon Wharf.

Beautiful glimpses of Liverpool and the River Mersey in colour are included in the topical gazette being screened at the Queen's Theatre from to-day to Saturday.

An announcement by the Harbour Authorities is to the effect that the Naval Ordnance will destroy a quantity of unserviceable cordite at Stonecutters Island during the forenoon of Friday.

Captain Innes, Marine Superintendent of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, is due to leave for San Francisco on Saturday, where he will live in retirement with Mrs. Innes and daughter.

Corporal E. Arnold, of H.M.S. Hermes, Secretary of the Fund for the widow of the late Telegraphist Jackson, gratefully acknowledges an anonymous donation of \$10 towards the Fund.

Police Reservists are notified by the Captain Superintendent of Police that owing to certain slight alterations, they are required to fall in for another general parade at 3.30 to-morrow afternoon at the Central Police Station.

Mr. Kenneth Toft, B.A. (Hong Kong), who returned recently to Malaya after completing his course, has joined the staff of the Government English School, Seremban, says a Straits contemporary.

A Chinese woman leaped into the harbour from Blake Pier yesterday in an attempt to commit suicide. A prompt rescue was effected by boatmen in the vicinity. The woman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

A report has been made to the police by Mr. H. K. Wong, Manager of the Chinese Dispensary, 82, Queen's Road Central, to the effect that a Chinese salesman is missing from his post. The report adds that a sum of \$870, which was to have been paid into the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank by the missing man, cannot be traced.

To-morrow night at 9.15 in the Star Theatre the Banyard Musical Comedy Company, which is paying a flying visit to the Colony on its return tour, will give a farewell performance, presenting an entirely new revue called "Hors d'Oeuvre," which scored a great hit in Shanghai, where it was declared to be the company's best show. Booking is at Moutrie's and the Star Theatre.

One of the two schoolboys who was stabbed with a cobbler's tool during a quarrel in Caine Road, was discharged from Hospital yesterday after a stay of only 24 hours, his injuries not being as serious as first believed. The other boy who admitted using the weapon in a moment of anger, was charged before Major C. Willson this morning and was ordered to receive eight strokes of the cane.

This morning's Harbour Office reports gave 20 arrivals and 16 departures, with a good tonnage return. British inward freights were just short of 10,000 tons, while the through returns showed Japanese to have a monopoly of the higher registries. Of the six British arrivals, only two registered through freight, while one Chinese from Macao and one Chinese from Canton were in ballast only.

The Bureau of Education in Canton has issued a notification to the various companies and establishments where theatrical performances are given, prohibiting the presentation of plays mentioning or associated with immorality. Such plays are offensive and injurious to public morals and are strictly prohibited. Any person or company who continues to present or perform plays that contain references or hints of immorality will be violating the prohibitory order, and will be liable to severe punishment.

A signboard belonging to Dr. Chan Chung Wah, of No. 31B, Wyndham Street, was the subject of a charge of larceny against a Chinese at the Central Police Court this morning. It was stated that the signboard was locked and otherwise well secured, but despite this, the defendant was able to take it from its fastenings. He was carrying it off when detected and arrested by a policeman. A previous conviction was proved, and defendant was sentenced to one month's hard labour.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The Way to Tai Mo Shan.

[To The Editor of Hongkong Telegraph.]

Sir,—A few days ago a correspondent enquired the way up Tai Mo Shan. He may have contemplated a climb during the Easter holidays, in which case I fear my information will be rather belated but it may be of service to others when the next climbing season comes round.

In the olden days before the railway and motor roads, the usual plan was to take a launch to Tsun Wan; from there hill climbing begins at the village of Pak Tin. This is the most westerly village of the Tsun Wan group and is eastward of the large stream which comes down from Chun Lung. The path goes behind and above this village and when once reached there is little difficulty in following it to the summit provided care is taken to be kept to the ridges and not to be beguiled into the easier road to the left which goes to Chun Lung village. This same route is of course now available by private car or Castle Peak bus from Kowloon. There is also a regular ferry service from West Point to Tsun Wan. The Railway and the motor road round the Territory make other routes available. Tai Po is the starting place for several. Your correspondent cannot do better than obtain a copy of the War Office two and a half inch map from Messrs. Kelly and Walsh. With its help he should be able to find his way up the Wan Yu Valley to Lead Mine pass; there he must turn to the right and make for the little village of Nam Fong To, one of the highest in the Territory, and from there upwards the path is easy to find. Another way is by Lin Au village, called Lung On on the War Office map; from there one may either turn to the left joining the route last mentioned at about 2,500 feet or go down into the Lam Tsun valley and climb one of the ridges on the northern slope of the mountain.

Your correspondent only asks for information about the way up, and it may be thought a simple matter to follow any of these routes down. But it should be remembered that while all its ridges converge to the summit of a mountain they diverge to its base, and if care is not taken in choosing the right ridge at starting one soon finds oneself parted by a deep valley from the route one had intended following and eventually lands at the base at a very different place from that arranged for.—Yours, etc.,

L. GIBBS.

Hongkong, Apr. 10th, 1928.

TWO DESTITUATES.

SENT TO THE HOUSE OF DETENTION.

Arto Zanetti, an unemployed foreigner, appeared before Major C. Willson as a destitute, at the Magistracy to-day.

Sub-inspector Elston said the man claimed to have arrived here from Shanghai on a President liner. He also said he had been years in Australia, but his papers appeared to belie his statement. A remand of 24 hours in police custody was needed for further investigations.

Major C. Willson made an order committing defendant to the House of Detention.

Said to be well-educated and belonging to a well-known family in India, a British Indian named T. N. Sahib was also charged before his Worship with being a destitute.

Sub-inspector Elston said the man was already in straitened circumstances when he was last in Valparaiso, Chile. There was no accommodation for the man at the Central Police Station, but the Hongkong Government would be assisting the Indian Government in repatriating him.

Meantime, defendant is to stay in the House of Detention, en order to that effect being made by his Worship.

GILT-EDGED BOOM.

INFLUENCE OF AMERICAN BUYING SHOWN.

London, Apr. 11. British gilt-edged securities are now coming into the orbit of the American stock-buying craze following the recent listing on the New York Stock Exchange of two premier Government Stocks, namely the five per cent. War Loan and the four per cent. Funding Loan. Both have risen rapidly in London, particularly the Funding Loan which stood at 88½ a fortnight ago and to-day reached 93, largely on the influence of American buying.—Reuter.

The Very Idea!

Jemima, at the zoo, saw a zebra for the first time. "Rastus," she said, "what kind uv a animal am dat?"

Rastus also gazed in much perplexity and awe. He had never seen one before, either. "Why, Jem, dat ere are a sport model jackass!"

I never beat a rotten egg.
I never hope to beat one.
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I'd rather beat than eat one.

How they wrote "want" advertisements in 1796:—

Wanted for a sober family a man of light weight, who fears the Lord and can drive a pair of horses. He must wait occasionally at table, join in the family prayer, look after the horses, and read a chapter in the Bible. He must, God willing, rise at seven in the morning and obey his master and the mistresses in all lawful commands; if he can dress her hair, sing psalms, and play at cribbage, the more agreeable.

N.B.—He must not be familiar with the maid-servants, lest the flesh should rebel against the spirit and he should be induced to walk in the thorny paths of the wicked, wages 15 guineas a year.

From "The Farmers Museum," March 12, 1796.

Solicitor, at Bow: You say the lodger's wife is constantly giving her husband the length of her tongue? Landlord: Her tongue—I can't say the length.

"Non-appearance due to breakdown. Please fine me in absence," a motorist, summoned at Conville telegraphed to the magistrates. They complied with his request.

Woman at Nottingham: Her language is like Joseph's coat—of many colours.

Lieutenant S. T. Glanfield sailed from New York in the Olympic upon the final lap of his 17,500 miles motor-cycle journey round the world.

Many of his experiences have been most interesting. He was pursued by a panther one morning while he was riding along a jungle road in India. With visions of lightning on his back he bent over the handle-bars and put on speed, distancing the beast, which had been bounding along beside him. Another exciting moment occurred when he was approached by a band of Arabs on camels. He charged into their midst, relying on the noise from his engines to scare them into flight. It did.

Lieutenant Glanfield also narrates how he uncovered a crocodile while digging for slabs of slate with which to get his machine out of a bog. In Northern Australia he was the first man to cross Australia all alone from the Northern Territory to Sydney. He also established a record by crossing India from Bombay via Agra to Calcutta in six days.

Counsel (to flustered witness)—"Now, sir, did you, or did you not, on the date in question, or at any other time, say to the defender or anyone else, that the statement imputed to you and denied by the plaintiff, was a matter of no moment or otherwise?" Answer me, yes or no." Bewildered witness—"Yes or no what?"

Many ingenious yet simple devices for the table have been invented by Mr. P. C. Simmonds, the head waiter at a Mayfair hotel.

One invention is a machine which makes mustard in just the right quantities and of just the right consistency.

Other devices are a spring for fixing on the handle and lid of a teapot which makes it impossible for the lid to fall off; a strainer which fits inside the teapot; an attachment for a soda-water syphon which controls the flow in such a way that, however hard the trigger is pressed, the liquid falls into the glass without a splash; a drip-catcher for fixing on sauce bottles; and, lastly, a combined knife and fork for one-armed people.

Mr. Simmonds has watched one-armed people looking most uncomfortable while they had their food cut up for them by a waiter, so he has produced this combination, which can be fixed and used, and have fresh knives inserted, entirely with one hand.

It was the desire for complete table efficiency that inspired him to invent these things. He had seen the everyday little flaws which cast their shadow on his patrons' enjoyment, and he could not rest till he had done his best to put them right.

Another enjoyable dance, organised in connexion with St. Peter's Church Young Men's Club, was held at the Hotel Savoy last evening and attracted a large number of couples. Music was provided by the Tiliand Melodians.

Passengers leaving for Manila on the s.s. Empress of Canada included Capt. G. F. Stopford, Mr. J. F. Eoa da Silva and Mr. O. Sack.

LOCAL CHARITABLE
BEQUESTS.\$10,000 FOR EDUCATION IN
HONGKONG.

HOSPITALS BENEFIT.

Charitable bequests to the value of \$51,000 are contained in the will of Tsai Kung-po, alias Tsai Wing-kin, retired merchant, of Hongkong, who died at 10, Arbuthnot Road on December 30th, 1927, leaving estate in the Colony to the value of \$448,700. Probate of the will and codicil has been granted to Mr. C. Bernard Brown, of Messrs. Linstead and Davis, chartered accountants.

With the exception of the charitable bequests, the estate is left upon trust for the benefit of members of the family. To the Hong Pin Hospital, Canton, deceased leaves 5,000 shares in the Hong Chung Investment and Savings Company, Ltd., of Canton, of the nominal value of \$1 each, to be used for general purposes of the hospital.

He also sets aside the sum of \$10,000 and gives leave to the Director of Education in Hongkong to apply the money for any scholarships as he shall, in his absolute discretion, think fit.

Other bequests are:—Tung Wah Hospital \$10,000, Kwong Wah Hospital \$10,000, Keng Wai Hospital of Macao \$5,000, and Tung Shin Tong of Macao \$10,000.

In the will deceased sets aside the sum of \$10,000 payable to a brother for funeral expenses, half for the funeral and the other half for a gravestone. In a codicil this is revoked and the sum of \$15,000 is set aside for this purpose, \$10,000 for the funeral and \$5,000 for a gravestone.

Another Will.

Ko Wan-kam, alias Ko Wan-kum, alias Ko Huk-lim, formerly living at 11, Babbington Path, Hongkong, who died at Macao on February 16th, last year, left Hongkong estate to the value of \$7,200.

Probate has been granted to Yeung Muk-king, a concubine, 9, Kung Ho Terrace, and power is reserved for a grant to the son, Ko Ping-chik. Everything is bequeathed to the concubine and the son.

VARYING VERSIONS.

ASSAULT STORIES IN THE
POLICE COURT.

Remarkable that he would have awarded compensation if the complainant had chosen to tell a straightforward story, Mr. R. E. Lindsell disposed of an assault summons this morning by binding over the parties concerned in personal bonds of \$100 to be of good behaviour for twelve months.

According to the complainant, a motor car driver, he was assaulted by three men with iron bars in West Point. He informed the Magistrate that the assault was the outcome of his demand for damages to his car, caused through the negligence of one of the defendants.

Continuing his story the complainant said he was assaulted with iron bars and an iron pump. His Worship expressed his disbelief of the story and later, when one of the witnesses for the defence gave a contradictory story, his Worship told Mr. P. M. Hodgson, prosecuting, that he was not disposed to carry on with the case and bound all the parties over as stated above.

ROYAL VISIT TO
JERUSALEM.WARM WELCOME TO
PRINCESS MARY & HUSBAND.

London, Apr. 11. Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles arrived at Jerusalem by special train to-day. They were met at the station by Lord Plumer, the British High Commissioner, and heads of Government Departments.

They had an enthusiastic reception, crowds lining the route from the station to Government House, where Girl Guides formed a guard of honour. There will be an official reception at Government House to-night.—British Wireless.

FOG IS PREDICTED.

To-day's Observatory report states:—The anticyclone is central near Vladivostok. Light variable winds may be expected along the south-east coast of China and moderate to light monsoon over the China Sea. The forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—East or variable winds, moderate; generally fair, fog later.

CHINESE LANGUAGE
IN CUSTOMS.STAFF WANT CHANGE FROM
ENGLISH.

A SHANGHAI MOVE.

There is at present a move in Shanghai to make Chinese the official language of the Customs service, and in a reply to a letter from the Chinese of the Customs Service on the subject, the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce says:

"Appropos of your letter asking us to bring to the attention of the Nationalist Government the question of using Chinese as the official spoken and written language of the Customs Service, instead of English, which has always been in use hitherto and which has been the source of great inconvenience and dissatisfaction, we have already addressed a petition to the Minister of Finance regarding the matter."

"We have had this question under consideration for many years and have always advocated the use of Chinese as the official language of the Customs. When we received your letter, we were very pleased to read the contents and can assure you that we will do whatever we can to further your plan. We would suggest that you should send petitions direct to the Ministers of Finance and of Industry and Commerce so that they can take the matter up accordingly."

FIRING ON BRITISH
VESSELS.BANDITS BELIEVED TO
BE RESPONSIBLE.

Hankow, Apr. 11. It is believed that Chinese bandits were responsible for the firing on the Jardine and B. and S. tug and lighters at a spot about 25 miles from Hankow, reported yesterday. The vessels were on their way to Changsha when they were fired on from both banks of the river. Subsequently, the bandits attempted to board the tug and lighters but were unsuccessful and the vessels returned to Hankow, where the incident was reported.

An improvement has taken place in the anti-French situation and further trouble is not anticipated.—Naval Wireless.

SCHOOL EXPERIMENT
RUGBY.COMPULSORY ATTENDANCE
AFTER FOURTEEN.

Rugby is one of the few towns in England possessing a day continuation school which it is compulsory for children to attend one day a week between the ages of fourteen and sixteen. Of late a great deal of opposition to this scheme has been shown in the town, and this has been increased by recent prosecutions of parents and children.

When a meeting of protest against compulsory attendance at this school was called over 2,000 people attended. The audience was evenly divided, and the meeting was very lively, all the speakers being heckled. A resolution condemning compulsory attendance was put to the meeting, and the voting was about even.

Mr. H. Yates, who was the only speaker to defend the school, pointed out that a number of protests against compulsion were made when the 1870 Education Act was passed. Answering the criticism that Rugby was the only town to have such a school, he said that was because Rugby was more intelligent than other towns. The school cost the ratepayers only a farthing a week.

BANK CONFERENCE.

BIG GATHERING IN PARIS.

Paris, Apr. 11. International co-operation in finance and banking is the object of a technical conference opened here under the auspices of the League of Nations.

The conference was attended by representatives of twenty four national banks, including America. The proceedings were private.—Reuter.

HOME FOOTBALL.

CHESTERFIELD DRAW AT
LINCOLN.

London, Apr. 11. Playing in the Northern Section of the Third Division to-day Chesterfield drew at Lincoln, no goals being scored.—Reuter.

ARMIES COME TO
GRIPS.FIGHTING BEGINS ON
ALL SIDES.FENGTIEN FORCES SUFFER
SET BACKS.

PUKOW ENGAGEMENT.

Cables dated from Shanghai yesterday indicate that the Northern expedition has assumed a serious phase, Chinese reports stating that fighting has broken out on all sides. Both the "Christian General," Feng Yu-shiang and Marshal Yen Shi-shan claim to have been victorious over the Fengtien armies.

A general attack on the Fengtien army on the Tientsin-Pukow line was decided by the Nationalist forces on Monday, while on the other hand Marshal Feng Yu-shiang and Marshal Yen Shi-shan have wired to Chiang Kai-shek at Hsuehchow declaring that they are making general attacks on the Shantung-Chihli armies.

The first National Army Corps, together with the troops under General Mow Pei-nam, leader of the Ironsides, is concentrating at Hsuehchow.

It is reported that General Hsieh Yo, second in command of the Ironsides, has arrived in Nanjing and will soon leave for the Grand Canal to direct the Nationalist forces there.

To Support Chiang Kai-shek.

A big meeting is to be held on Sunday at Hsuehchow, the present headquarters of the Nationalist Army under Chiang Kai-shek, for the purpose of urging the populace to support the Nationalist Government to make the Northern Expedition a success and also to support Marshal Chiang Kai-shek as leader of all Nationalist Armies.

According to a recent cable from Hankow it appears that General Li Tsung-jen has changed his mind about leading the Honan and Hupeh troops in the Northern campaign, as it is stated that General Li Tsung-jen will not go to the front to direct his units, but will remain at Hankow to act as the chief administrator of the newly-formed Wuchang-Hankow Political Council. In his stead, General Pei Chung-hsi, a faithful colleague of Li Tsung-jen and also a strong supporter of the Kwangsi clique, will lead the Hupeh and Hunan troops in the Northern expedition.

To Protect the Foreigners.

A Chinese cable states that fearing the Japanese will again dispatch troops to Shantung to protect Japanese in that province during the fighting Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has informed the Japanese Consulate General in Shanghai that in the coming engagements with the Northerners the Nationalist Government will take full responsibility to protect the life and property of the foreigners within the war zone under the control of the Kuominchun.

Sounds of Firing.

Nanking, Apr. 11. Movements of troops are still taking place and the sound of firing was heard north-west of Pukow last night.—Naval Wireless.

VISITING JAPANESE
SQUADRON.PETTY OFFICERS AT THE
NAVAL CANTEN.

HAPPY GATHERING.

The Chief and Petty Officers of the China Squadron, entertained 200 Petty Officers from the visiting Japanese Squadron at the Royal Naval Canteen Theatre last night, the rooms being tastefully decorated for the occasion, with the flags of Great Britain and Japan well in evidence.

Orchestral items were given by the band of H.M.S. Hermes, under Mr. Howse, and the variety turns included several novel items. Messrs. Downie and Banks of H.M.S. Herald, gave a unique shadowgraph display and Petty Officer Dunn of H.M.S. Hermes was well applauded for his coster turns. Chief P. O. Deacon and a party from H.M.S. Verity gave a number of appreciated turns and the guests, including P. O's Kurose, Izuma, Isoda and Nakamura contributed pleasing items, the latter's rendering of Tipperary being joined in by all present.

The arrangements were a credit to the entertainment committee which consisted of St. P. O. Alford, C. P. O. Writer McCrohan, C. P. O. Writer Hancock, E. R. A. Norbury, S. P. O. Chadwick, assisted by C. P. O. Gill and C. P. O. Writers Payne, McAllister and Pallett, the latter conducting the programme in an able manner.

Mr. Fujiyama attended as interpreter, his services being much appreciated. The loyal toast was proposed by C. P. O. Writer McCrohan, C. P. O. Yano responding. An enjoyable evening terminated with the singing of patriotic songs of both nations.

To-day's Programme.

To-day the Japanese Commander in Chief gave a tiffin on board H.I.J.M.S. Nagato, while this afternoon the men took part in a sports meeting at Sookunpoo. This included exhibition games of football and hockey by British officers and ratings, and later there was to be a programme of events arranged by the Japanese Young Men's Association of Hongkong. The band and pipers of the 22nd Battalion, King's Own, Scottish Borderers played during the afternoon.

Lieut.-Commander R. H. Chichester, R.N., of H.M.S. Petersfield, was in charge of the general arrangements.

To-night the Commander in Chief, Staff and Flag Officers will attend a dinner given by the General Chamber of Commerce at the Hongkong Hotel.

A Chinese was fined \$50, with the alternative of one month's hard labour, by Mr. W. Schofield at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning for stowing away on board the s.s. Tjikarang from Batavia. The defendant claimed that he had lost his ticket, but it was stated that his name was not on the passenger list.

Near the Central Post Office on the Praya, a middle-aged Chinese woman jumped into the harbour to commit suicide yesterday afternoon, but when the alarm was raised a Chinese jumped into the water and rescued her. The unfortunate woman was taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

NEW YORK MAKES
PURCHASES.BUYS FIVE ELECTRIC PLANTS
IN PHILIPPINES.

'NOW HOLDS NINE.'

The Associated Gas and Electric Company of New York, owners of the Manila Electric Company, has just effected the purchase of five electric plants in the provinces, increasing its holdings in the Philippines to nine plants.

Negotiations for the purchase of these plants were started at different times but all have been under consideration for some time. While officials of Manila Electric Company declined to mention the amount paid for the plants, it is understood that several hundred thousand pesos are involved.

Three in Tayabas.

The plants which have just been transferred are: the Alimanan Electric Company at Alimanan, Tayabas; the Argosino Electric Plant at La Tayabas; the Batiwag Electric Company at Batiwag, Bulacan; the Lucena Electric Company in Lucena, Tayabas; and the Lipuna Electric Company at Lipa, Batangas.

All of the above concerns were purchased direct from the Philippine Engineering Company. Manuel E. Chaves, who has been in the employ of the Manila Electric Company for more than twenty years, has been appointed superintendent of the district of eastern Luzon to look after the provincial holdings of the company in that district.

Negotiating for Others.

Negotiations are now under way for the purchase of several other electric companies on the island of Luzon, and it is understood that the Associated Gas and Electric Company hopes eventually to gain control of all of the principal light and power plants on the island. The company plans later to negotiate for the purchase of plants in the other islands.

The electric plant at Dagupan, Pangasinan, and another smaller plant near Manila has been owned and operated by the Associated Gas and Electric Company for some time. All of the provincial plants will handle their business through officials of the Manila Electric Company.

ALLEGED FRAUD ON
LOCAL FIRM.DISPOSAL OF A NEW
TYPEWRITER.

The alleged fraudulent conversion of a typewriter by a European who posed as a customer has been reported to the police.

According to Mr. L. J. Cave, a salesman of Messrs. Mustard and Company, who made the report, a European, who gave his name as Sydney Wood, and his address as Jordan House, 229, Nathan Road, Kowloon, called at the shop and obtained a brand-new Remington typewriter, on approval, without payment of any sum.

When the accountant of the shop called at Jordan House, Wood was absent from the address, and no trace of him or the typewriter could be found.

Investigations later resulted in the tracing of the machine to Messrs. Wang Lee and Company's shop in Portland Street, where it had been sold by a European for \$105.

In the report, Mr. Cave states that his firm values the typewriter at \$300.

HOW MUCH DO YOU
KNOW?

TO-DAY'S QUESTIONS.

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the Daily Express.

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 14 of this issue.

1. What new facilities with regard to telephone calls between Great Britain and Canada or the U.S.A. have come into operation recently?
2. In what country is there a probable surplus of revenue over expenditure of \$200,000? What taxes have in consequence been abolished?
3. How much timber produced in Great Britain is utilized yearly?
4. What famous church in England has no vestry?
5. What form of athletics in India corresponds to boxing in England?
6. Who are at present the freemen of the City of Winchester? Who is to be added to their number this summer?
7. What is a fford?
8. Who were the Anzacs?
9. How, in the Old Testament, did Joshua break down the walls of Jericho?
10. Name the two great cities of Japan that were damaged in the September, 1923, earthquake?
11. What, in mythology, was the distinguishing characteristic of Medusa?
12. What is Cathay?

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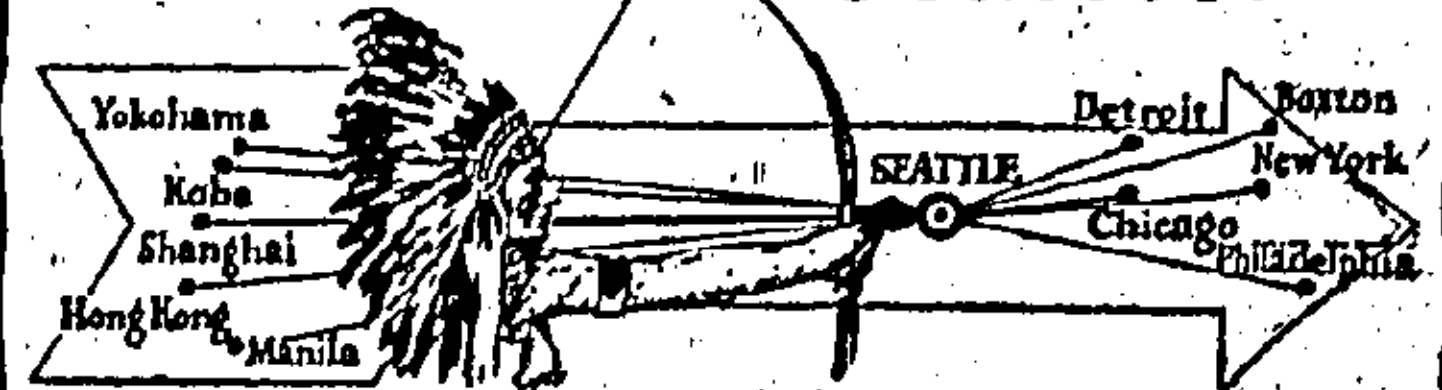
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THE WORLD OF SPORT

INTER-VARSITY SPORTS.

WEIGHTMAN SMITH CREATES RECORD.

London, Mar. 24. The Inter-Varsity Sports were held in showery weather at Queen's Club before a large crowd, including Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin. The 100-Yards Race was won by Rinkel (Cambridge). Smouha (Cambridge) was second. It was run in a downpour. The Mile Race was won by Green (Cambridge). O'Connor (Oxford) was second. Time: 4 mins. 25.25 secs. 120-Yards Hurdles was won by Weightman Smith (Cambridge). Livingstone Learmonth (Cambridge) was second. Time: 15 2-5 secs. This is an Inter-Varsity record. In the High-Jump Bradbrooke and Gordon (both Oxford) tied at 5 ft. 10 ins.

The Long-Jump was won by Pomeroy (Cambridge). His distance was 22 ft. 4 ins. The Queenslander, Harrison (Oxford) jumped 21 ft. 11 1/4 ins.

The Quarter Mile was won by Rinkel (Cambridge). Leighwood (Oxford) was second. Time: 50 2-5 secs.

London, Mar. 24. Cambridge beat Oxford by 8 events to 3.

American's Polo Jump Record. London, Mar. 24. The following are further results in the Inter-Varsity sports: Throwing the Weight.

Howland (Cambridge) 42 ft. Howland (Cambridge) 42 ft. 10 ins. Parker (Oxford) 40 ft. 5 ins. 2

Pole Jump.

Faust (Oxford and America) created a new Inter-Varsity record by clearing 12 ft. McGill (Oxford and America) was second with a jump of 11 ft. 3 ins.

220-Yard Hurdles.

Weightman Smith (Cambridge) 1 Livingstone Learmonth (Cambridge) 2 Weightman Smith's time was 25 4/5th secs., equalling the Inter-Varsity record.

Half-Mile.

Green (Cambridge) 1 Gutteridge (Cambridge) 2 Gutteridge won by inches. His time was 2 mins. 1 4/5th secs.

Three Miles.

Edwards (Oxford) 1 Jessop (Cambridge) 2 Edwards won by 30 yards. His time was 15 mins. 2 5/8th secs.

RIFLE SHOOTING.

POLICE v. MARINES' ASSOCIATION.

On Good Friday an interesting shooting match was fired at the Stonecutters Rifle Range between teams from the Royal Marines Old Comrades' Association and the Police Rifle Club.

The conditions for the shoot, which was with both rifle and revolver, was as follows:

Rifle. Shoot—100 yards, five rounds grouping, five rounds rapid, and five rounds deliberate. The possible score was 80, the best eight to count out of teams of ten.

Revolver. Shoot—Distances 10 and 20 yards. Possible score 60. The R.M.O.C.A. won the rifle shoot, and the P.R.C. took the revolver competition.

At the conclusion, Major Bamford, V.C., R.M., presented the prizes.

Spoons presented by Comrade W. Kent, of the R.M.O.C.A., for the best score on either side with the rifle were won by Comrade Gossett, who also won the "Reynolds" Cup for the second year in succession.

The P.R.C. presented spoons for the three best scores on either side in the revolver shoot, and these were won by Capt. Whitworth, and Comrades Gossett and Rooney, all of the R.M.O.C.A., and Mr. Woodhouse, and Sergeant Carey and Ritchie of the P.R.C.

The scores in the rifle shoot were:

R.M.O.C.A.	
Capt. Whitworth R.M.	60
Comrade Kent	48
Comrade Frith	50
Comrade Gossett	71
Comrade Collins	43
Comrade Alexander	43
Comrade Tuck	65
Comrade Mason	60
Total	440

Thanks of the visitors to Stonecutters are due to the range staff for their valuable assistance which helped to make the shoot a success. It is hoped that the enjoyable shoot will be the forerunner of many which it is intended to arrange in the future.

FOOTBALL FORECAST COMPETITION.

"TELEGRAPH" OFFERS PRIZE OF \$50 WEEKLY.

The "Hongkong Telegraph" offers a prize of \$50 to the readers who send in twelve correct forecasts of the results of the English and Scottish League matches (to be played on Saturday next, April 14th) set out in the Coupon below. No goal scores are required; only forecasts showing wins or draws.

In the event of no reader forecasting all twelve matches, a prize of \$25 will be given to the reader who sends in the greatest number of correct forecasts; and in the event of two or more readers sending in an equal high number, the prize of \$25 will be divided.

The competition is in accordance with the rules published in the Telegraph during the weeks August 29—September 24.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH" FORECAST COMPETITION.

Matches to be played on April 14th:

DIVISION I.	
Arsenal v. Huddersfield.	
Sheffield U. v. Everton.	
Sunderland v. Blackburn.	

DIVISION II.	
Fulham v. Oldham.	
South Shields v. Chelsea.	
Wolves v. Reading.	

DIVISION III.	
Q. P. R. v. Northants.	
Watford v. Southend.	
Doncaster v. Stockport.	

SCOTTISH LEAGUE.	
Aberdeen v. Cowdenbeath.	
Dundee v. Rangers.	
Raith v. Hibernians.	

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Strike out the teams which you think will lose, but make no marks in respect of matches which you think will be drawn.

All claims must reach this office not later than Wednesday following the date on which the matches are played. No prize will be awarded for which a claim has not been made.

Before sending in your coupon, mark your forecasts on the duplicate list given below. Keep your duplicate lists and compare them later with the published results of the matches and if you find that you have eight or more correct send in a claim for the prize.

Mark your envelopes "Football" on the front and write your name (without address) on the back of the envelope.

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LADIES' GOLF.

INTERESTING COMPETITIONS ANNOUNCED.

Ladies are reminded that a Tombstone Competition will be held on the New Course at Fanling on Tuesday, 17th April.

In future, Competitions will be considered cancelled in the event of there being less than ten entries.

A competition will take place during the summer months at Deep Water Bay, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. Leggat. Entries Close on 20th April. Particulars will be posted on notice boards at Fanling and Deep Water Bay.

CHINESE Y. M. C. A. CAMPAIGN ENDED.

OVER \$23,000 SECURED IN DRIVE.

Last night at the Chinese Y.M.C.A. the final reports were received in the annual membership and financial campaign. The total amount from all sources, life members, sustaining members, ordinary members and contributions was \$23,027.00. This is a little more than \$10,000 in excess of the preceding year.

The lobby of the building in Bridges Street was full of life from six o'clock when the team leaders arrived and began to meet the members of their teams to receive final reports. The twelve teams included nearly twenty workers each, and a very good proportion of all were in the Y.M.C.A. last evening. At eight o'clock the gong sounded the close of the campaign, after which no new gifts could be counted to the credit of the teams. By ten o'clock all reports were tabulated.

The winning team was led by one of the younger captains, Mr. Lam Chik-shang, son of Mr. Lam Woo, who reported a total of 3,396 points, each point representing one dollar received.

Very close was the team led by Mr. Lam Wan-shue, a director of the Wing On Company, 3,192 points.

The third team was captained by Mr. Ko Leung-wo, Managing Director of the Ho Hong Bank, reporting \$3,184.00.

A fourth team, led by Mr. Ngan Shin Kwan, Manager of the China Bus Co., was also in the honour class of more than three thousand points, having to its credit \$3,082.

While the total amount received is somewhat short of the goal undertaken, there was great encouragement among the directors and secretaries of the organization over the hearty co-operation of all, which is taken as an expression of confidence in the organization as well as all indication of better business conditions in the Colony.

Two life members were secured. Mr. Wong Kam-fook, of the Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., by paying \$1,000, became a member for life. Likewise, Mr. Lam Woo, one of the oldest friends of the organization, for many years, until recently, a director and one of the most liberal contributors to the fund that secured the present building, provided a life membership. The directors have plans to complete the fund by securing life members from time to time among the benefactors of the community.

At the close of last night's meeting and reports, Mr. K. L. Chau, the President of the Y.M.C.A., expressed appreciation to all the workers and the contributors who are making possible the continued service of the Chinese Y.M.C.A. to the city and Colony.

ALMOST CONVINCING.

MAN'S STORY OF WHY HE BOARDED A SHIP.

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In future, Competitions will be considered cancelled in the event of there being less than ten entries.

A competition will take place during the summer months at Deep Water Bay, for a prize kindly presented by Mrs. Leggat. Entries Close on 20th April. Particulars will be posted on notice boards at Fanling and Deep Water Bay.

MISS O'KEEFE'S DISPLAY.

CHARMING DANCING AT THE QUEEN'S THEATRE.

TALENTED PUPILS.

Miss Daisy O'Keefe's dancing display at the Queen's Theatre yesterday was excellently attended, Lady Clementi and her daughter being among those present to witness a display of pleasing dancing in which variety predominated. Given generally by tiny pupils, the programme included all varieties of dances, the children displaying a charm and skill demonstrating to the full the thoroughness of the teaching they had received from Miss O'Keefe.

Generally speaking, the ensembles were the pick of the programme, being daintily executed and delightfully arranged. They provided scope for the art of the dancing teacher and Miss O'Keefe is to be congratulated on the general setting and arrangement, coupled, of course, with the aptitude of the little pupils. This does not mean that the individual dances were thrown into the background. They were all well done, some of their charm being attributable to the colourful dresses worn by the little girls.

Well Balanced Programme.

The programme was extremely well balanced. Opening with a little fairy story which had for its setting a shoe house, it immediately indicated the merits of the remainder of the display. The following ensemble, a scarf dance, was charmingly performed by six older pupils, a pas seul then throwing into high relief the merits of individual dancers.

Four tiny children prettily performed the hornpipe and appeared to enjoy their experience almost as much as the audience.

A waltz preceded an Irish jig which went with a delightful swing and brought forth enthusiastic applause. Modernity crept into the programme with "The Varsity Drag" performed by some of the older pupils, girls wearing male dinner dress to the manner born. This displayed the artistry of the Black Bottom, the Charleston, the Savannah Stomp and the Yule Blue and proved one of the most attractive items in a splendid programme.

Jazz was faithfully interpreted by D. Tolan and B. Pestonji, the latter apparently being the star pupil and one who at the display showed her undoubted cleverness again in various individual dances.

Delightful Vocal Items. "The Rosary" and "In a Monastery Garden" were charmingly sung by the Misses A. and D. Woods, accompanied by Mrs. Woods. The harmony was perfect, the rendering of the two songs being an example of delightful vocalism.

Another attractively dressed ensemble, a Dutch dance, was notable for its colouring and general charm and proved a delightful ending to the first part of the programme.

A Russian episode by little Betty Pestonji was done in her characteristic style to open the second part and this was followed by another ensemble which was probably even more attractive than some which had gone before. Then came delightful peeps into a children's ball room, first the children's hall room, and minuet and gavotte, polka and tango, then the foxtrot, waltz and tango.

A skipping dance, Highland dance and another pas-seul by Betty Pestonji preceded a most attractive finale of arrangement. Dalcroze method of arrangement. This showed Miss O'Keefe's skill to the full and made a most satisfactory ending to a thoroughly enjoyable dancing display.

The Pupils. Special mention should be made of the dresses, executed by Madame Eunice, Kowloon, and Mrs. Charlton which gave to the display its attractive colouring. The orchestra performed well throughout, Mrs. R. Pestonji being responsible for the music.

Those taking part in the display were Mrs. M. Mather, F. Clemo, K. Harrison, N. Mayes, B. Mayes, M. Simpson, B. Clemo, N. Field, N. Tolan, I. Prestonji, L. Tolan, M. Bryson, D. Tolan, E. Minney, E. Hoare, P. Ma, D. Bowes-Smith, B. Field, D. Henderson, S. Goeke, J. Frank, B. Choy, G. Yee, B. Pestonji, N. May, J. Weller, P. Harrison, G. Smith, T. May, M. George, B. Seiven, J. Thompson, J. Bowes-Smith, D. Hynes, A. Cookes, B. Spaulding, I. Light and A. Remedios.

Thanks were expressed to the following for their assistance:—The A.D.C. for scenery, the Philharmonic Society, the Anderson Harmonic Society, the Pestonji Music Co., Madames Pestonji, Arnold, Charkon, Kelly, Smith, Minney, Clemo, Miss Murphy, Misses Woods, W. J. Carroll, Messrs. Tolan, W. J. Carroll, Ammann, Field, Orchard, Slipper, Patterson, East, A. H. Carroll, F. C. Clemo, Kelly, C. G. Servadio, and the Victoria Printing Press.

MARSHAL LI SOON RETURNING.

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Marshal Li's Post.

In a circular telegram announcing his assumption of the post of Chief of the General Staff of the Nationalist Army, Marshal Li Chai-sum says:

I have received Special Written Authority No. 120 from the Nationalist Government, appointing me as Chief of the General Staff of the National Revolutionary Forces. I feel ashamed that I, though untalented and of no ability, should be chosen for such high honour. However, being unable to resign, I have this day assumed the post.

"I am fully cognisant of the fact that in our revolutionary work, service at the front and in the rear are of equal importance. But as peace and order has not been fully restored in Kwangtung, the base of the revolution, I, bearing the responsibility of administering that territory, fear I shall not be able to remain for long and to perform my duties here. I can only do my best and attempt to justify the confidence that has been placed in me, by offering suggestions and advice to the best of my ability. It is however, fortunate that General Ho Ying Ching, the Acting Chief of Staff, is rendering valuable assistance to the Commander in chief, and thus the future prospects of our military operations will be greatly improved, all obstacles and difficulties in our path will be easily overcome, and the complete success of our Northern Punitive Expedition is thereby assured."

London, Apr. 11. Spot rubber on the London market fell a further one-eighth of a penny to 8 1/4d. to-day.—British Wireless.

RUBBER GROWERS ADVISED.

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trictions with exemplary fortitude and hopes that shareholders will resolutely resist the insidious attempt by prophets of evil to frighten them into wholesale realisations, one of the most calamitous results of which would be the inevitable passing of the control of rubber producing from British into alien hands. The commodity, for which there is a constantly growing demand, cannot indefinitely remain a depressed market.—Reuter.

Washington, Mar. 9. Captain William Byrd and Sergeant Rudolph Franforter, of the Marine Corps, were instantly killed in Nicaragua by a missile more feared by fliers than the bullets of the rebels—a bird of prey.

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WOMAN ACCOUNTANT.

PROTEST AT ROYAL UNITED SERVICE INSTITUTION.

Exception was taken to the appointment of a woman accountant instead of an ex-Service man at the annual meeting of the Royal United Service Institution, Whitehall.

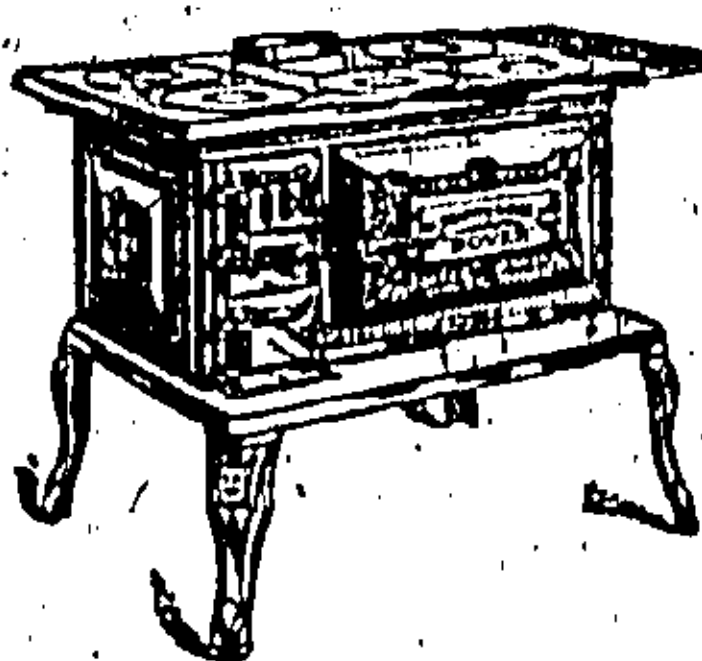
Admiral Sir H. H. Bruce, the Chairman, said the book-keeper and typist was very valuable to the Institution. "Every officer and man employed in the Institution," he added, "is ex-Service, and there are only two women—and they have relatives in the Service."

A Member—There are still many ex-Service men who would go on their knees for the job. If you can stick that, I cannot.

Another Member—It was your admirable talk, Mr. Chairman, on the wireless on the employment of men on the King's Roll that made me make my protest.

The Chairman—As regards the ex-Service man, no one has him more at heart than I have. You must not think I want to do an ex-Service man out of a job.

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FOOTBALL DINNER.

VISITING PLAYERS ARE
ENTERTAINED.

In honour of the Portuguese inter-
port football teams from Shang-
hai and Macao, a dinner was given
by members of the Club de Recreio
last evening. Mr. E. V. M. R. de
Souza, President of the Club de Re-
creio, presided over a company of
about 200 people, which included
the officials of the Club and repre-
sentatives from the other Football
Clubs of the Colony.

After a very excellent repast,
and the toasts to the President of
Portugal and J.M. The King
having been honoured, the Chair-
man spoke on the subject of Por-
tuguese football interport games
which this year had culminated in
a hard-fought victory for Hong-
kong. He extended on behalf of
the local body, a warm welcome to
the visiting interporters and their
other guests of the evening.

Mr. A. M. Gutierrez, speaking
for the Shanghai Club, thanked
their Hongkong brothers for the
hospitality which had culminated
in the enjoyable evening's function.
For them when not otherwise
engaged in playing soccer, it had
been one round of entertainments
since their arrival here.

Speaking of the games, he said
he had very few excuses to make
for Shanghai's failure, and while
congratulating Hongkong for their
splendid victory, he paid a hand-
some tribute to the captainship of
Mr. L. Rocha.

On behalf of the Shang-
hai Portuguese Association he
extended an invitation to those
present in connexion with next
year's matches at Shanghai. Con-
cluding, he called for a toast to
the health of their Hongkong and
Macao brothers. (Applause and
many times.)

Mr. A. P. Batalha, speaking in
Portuguese, also replied for the
Macao team.

Mr. F. A. Xavier in a brief
speech, thanked the Hongkong
Football Association for the facil-
ities which that body had placed
at their disposal, the Hongkong
Club and Chinese Athletic Associa-
tion for the use of the football
ground and stands, and also the
referees for their services.

Mr. J. Ormiston, speaking on
behalf of the guests, warmly
thanked the Club de Recreio for
their hospitality.

Mr. H. K. Lee of the Chinese
Athletic Association, in the course
of a well-known speech, feelingly
expressed his appreciation of the
warm hospitality extended to him
as a member of another Club.
Speaking from a national view-
point, he thought that this, as
other departments of sports, was
but a sure means of developing
friendship as between one com-
munity and another. (Applause.)

Mr. Bishop also replied for the
Hongkong Football Club.

Captain's Welcome.

Mr. L. A. da Rocha, the Captain
of the Hongkong team, in asking
the Company to drink to the health
of the Shanghai and Macao teams
said: Consul General Corveira and
General. It is a great pleasure
to us to be able to welcome here to-
night the representatives of sister
sporting clubs in Shanghai and
Macao. They came to Hongkong to
join us in a series of most enjoyable
soccer matches which have just been
concluded. The first game—that
with Shanghai—was for us a very
important one. Shanghai had
won both the previous encounters
and we could not afford to let
them beat us again and thereby
win Mr. Mod's cup outright. We
managed to reverse the tables this
time, but not without a hard fight.
In fairness to our visitors, I must
mention here that they were not at
full strength; several of their "star"
players were, unfortunately, unable
to make the trip down. Besides, they
were at a disadvantage having to play
away from home on a harder ground
than they are accustomed to up
North. Congratulations to the
Shanghai boys on their sporting dis-
play and esprit de corps.

I should like to thank my team-
mates for the honour they have done
me in having chosen me as captain
of the side which represented Hong-
kong. Our success in the recent
games was due to a combination of
team work and perseverance on the
part of every player.

Since we last met together, this
Club has lost one of its most valued
and beloved sportsmen in the pass-
ing of the late Mr. Augusto Puentes,
whose untimely death has been deeply
regretted by members of the
sporting fraternity. He will live
long in our memories as a real sport.
This year's interport series has
been marked by the entry of Macao
and the formation thereby of a tri-
angular tournament. Macao players
are to be congratulated on their fine
sportmanship. I hope this tourna-
ment will become an annual affair.
It is competitions of this kind that
go a long way towards uniting our
communities and strengthening the
bonds of friendship existing between
the young fellows of these three
great ports.

I shall now ask you to rise and drink
with me to the toast of the Shanghai
and Macao interport football teams.
May our next meeting together be
just as pleasant and enjoyable as this
one we are now celebrating. Vivas
Shanghai and Macao interporters.
(Applause.)

Others of the company also spoke.
Musical honours were plentiful
during the evening, and the convivial
function ended with the presentation
of trophies to the successful inter-
porters.

FOOTBALL.

CHINESE ATHLETIC BEAT
PORTUGUESE TEAM.

A combined team chosen from the
Portuguese interport players met the
Athletic on the H.K.F.C. ground
yesterday afternoon, the Athletic win-
ning by a goal to nil.

The teams lined up as under—

Portugal.—A. Rangel (Shanghai);
P. Xavier (Hongkong) and L. Mar-
cal (Shanghai); M. Sequeira (Shang-
hai); C. Favecho (Shanghai) and
C. F. Remedios (Hongkong); Colaco
(Macao), R. Favecho, L. Gonsalves,
(Shanghai), L. da Rocha (Hongkong)
and J. Gutierrez (Shanghai).

Athletic.—Yik Chan-ping; Lau
Kau and Lai Yuk-tai; Mak Kwok-
tung, Wong Shiu-wah and Lam Yuk-
ying; Tso Kwai-shing, Chang Siu-
hong, Suen Kum-shun, Sek Pui-tim
and Chan Kwong-lun. Pipe-Major
Mackie, K.O.S.B., was the referee.

The Athletic kicked off before a
fair crowd and forced a corner off
Xavier, Chan sending behind from
the flag kick. Portugal then got
going but Gutierrez sent behind.
Chan tested Rangel with a high
shot. Sek Pui-tim had a chance
when Chan put the ball across but
he shot over. From a centre by
Gutierrez, Colaco headed wide. From
a dropping shot by Tso, Rangel
pushed against the crossbar and
cleared from the rebound. Suen
went through but lost control close
in and the ball rolled behind. C. F.
Remedios cleared from the goal area
and Xavier stopped Suen close in. A
shot from Suen was turned behind
by Rangel. Portugal cleared the
flag kick. Hands against Lau Kau
sent Portugal in and Yik Chan-ping
saved from R. Favecho. Portugal
had a chance when Colaco was fouled
a yard outside the penalty area but
Lau Kau headed clear. Portugal
came again and R. Favecho just mis-
sed with a fast shot. Suen left
the field with a strained muscle and
took no further part in the game. Half-
time, no score.

Resuming, after an interval of
fifteen minutes, Portugal at once at-
tacked, but Gutierrez shot wide.
Gonsalves had a chance to give Por-
tugal the lead but was slow. L. Mar-
cal let in Chang Siu-hong and he beat
Rangel with a well placed shot. An
appeal for hands in penalty area
against Lau was over-ruled. Rangel
saved a full length from a shot by
Sek Pui-tim. Portugal came near
scoring when Yik failed to clear a
dropping shot by R. Favecho, Rocha
shooting over from six yards. The
ball fell off and very uninteresting,
the ball being sent over the stands
several times.

Final score, Athletic 1, Portugal 0.

Hongkong League—Division I.

Kowloon 3 South China 2

This game was played on the
Cavendish Hill ground, South China
winning Kowloon very close, the vis-
itors winning by the odd goal in five.

South China played up strongly in
the opening minutes of the game. Kow-
loon found the ground very hard and
misjudged the bouncing ball. After
about fifteen minutes play, Kowloon
took the lead through Kernick.

Following ten minutes' mid-field
play, Kowloon were further alien-
ated. Kernick beating Ching Yik-kwan
from close range. Half-time, Kow-
loon 2, South China 0.

Resuming, South China took up the
attack and a charge came over the
goal. Lai Tin-choi scored and in a
couple of minutes South China had

scored again, making the score two
all. The remaining play was very
interesting and although Kowloon
were the better side they failed to
score until the last minute of the
game. Kernick scoring again and giv-
ing Kowloon the lead.

The game was a very clean and
sporting one. The spectators were
on their toes during the last quarter
and applauded South China for their
brilliant defensive play against such
formidable opponents.

S. Sgt. Gilbert was the referee.

LAWN TENNIS.

NG SZE-KWONG GIVES A
BRIGHT DISPLAY.

Without any undue effort Ng Sze-
kwong qualified for the semi-final of
the Open Championship Singles yester-
day by defeating Ho Ka-lau in
straight sets, the match going to the
ex-champion, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

A slight accident in the first game
handicapped the former champion but
not sufficiently to prevent him from
bringing off some spectacular shots.
For the greater part of the game he
was suffering from a sore foot, caused
by stepping on the iron peg used to
fasten the guy rope of the still at the
end of the court. He was able to
continue the match after a short
rest.

He lost the first two games but by
all round superiority he took the next
four. His Ka-lau was driving to
useful purpose and constantly had his
opponent on the run. He forced the
score to five all but then lost the set
at 7-5.

In the last two sets, the ex-champion
brought off some brilliant shots at the
end of the match. In three sets,
although in the last set he won after
being 5-1 up.

With Ho Ka-lau losing his accu-
racy, Ng Sze-kwong had little difficulty
in ending the match in three sets,
although in the last set he won after
being 5-1 up.

Yesterday's Results.

The results of yesterday's matches
are as follows:

Open Singles.—Ng Sze-kwong beat
Ho Ka-lau, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.

Handicap Singles "A"—Lieut. Col.
F. J. Wyatt (rec. 15) beat R. K.
Valentine (rec. 5/6), 6-3, 6-1.

Handicap Doubles.—A. D. Humph-
reys and C. R. Sayer (own 15/1) beat
C. H. Bradley and Major C. Willson
(rec. 15), 6-2, 4-6, 7-5; H. R. Phillips
and C. C. Stark (rec. 1/6) beat W. M.
Lyons and J. D. H. Crawford (rec.
3/6), 7-5, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.—S. E. Green and
Miss L. E. Heard (Scr.) beat C. W.
Bishop and Mrs. W. Woodward
(rec. 2/6), 6-0, 6-7, 8-6.

To-day's Matches.

The games for this afternoon are:
Open Doubles.—Ng Sze-kwong and
Ng Sze-chung v. Lee Wai-tong and
Lee Woon-toi; H. R. B. Hancock and
Dr. R. E. Tottenham v. E. C. and E.
F. Fincher.

Club Championship S. E. Green v.
G. W. Sewell.

Handicap Singles "B"—T. G. Ben-
nett v. C. H. Bradley.

Mixed Doubles.—A. D. Humphreys
and Mrs. C. P. F. James v. H. Owen
Hughes and Mrs. H. R. Remington;
A. H. Crook and Miss Wentworth v.
G. R. and Mrs. Sayer.

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MUSIC WITHOUT INSTRUMENTS.

A PERFORMANCE WITH ETHEREAL VIBRATIONS.

[By Dr. Emil Krüger.]

In broadcasting, ethereal vibrations corresponding to certain sounds are flung into space like light to be caught up anywhere and reconverted into the original sounds from which they emanated. This was the great scientific surprise revealed to us by the closing years of the 19th century. Scarcely had the mass of mankind become accustomed to the marvel and registered it as a thing of daily occurrence, when the civilized world was startled by the tidings of a new miracle which is nothing but the natural offspring of the wireless wonder which custom has robbed of its miraculous character. This new invention is the magical performance of Professor Theremin of the State Physico-Technical Institute at Leningrad. It consists in nothing more nor less than the production of instrumental music without the instrumentality of any musical instrument. The only instruments used are a species of radio receivers with which to manipulate the vibrations of the ether transmitted by wireless electric apparatus. These instruments, with which Professor Theremin recently gave a series of performances before large audiences in Berlin, Hamburg, Dresden and Frankfurt, it is the object of this article to describe.

The Apparatus.

Professor Theremin had before him an insignificant-looking chest. Regarded from within and from without, it resembled a very ordinary radio valve apparatus. Attached to the left side of the chest there is a metal loop not unlike the frame antenna of the broadcasting receiver; on the right side is a short bar antenna. The chest supports a lectern on which to lay the musical score. The performer turns the valves and begins. Just like a conductor in front of his orchestra, Professor Theremin faces his apparatus and, glancing now and then at the score, waves his hands about in the air. His left is constantly in the neighbourhood of the loop-antenna and often dips down into it; the right remains close to the bar-antenna. And as he moves his hands, the various notes strike our ear—in melody only, it is true, but in crescendo and diminuendo and varying in quality so that we seem, now, to hear the tones of a violin, now, of a piano or a flute, now of a trombone or an oboe.

Professor Theremin accompanied his performances with explanations of his invention. The apparatus contains two electric batteries. With the help of two transmitting valves familiar to every listener-in, two electric circuits are started which radiate vibrations of two distinct lengths. Now the frequency of the electric waves is, in general, so high that the waves are inaudible. But if waves of two different lengths cross each other, they give rise to a greatly reduced wave-length. If, for instance, the frequency of the one is 500,000 and of the other 480,000 per second, there will be produced a frequency of 20,000 per second, which is obviously audible.

Note Can Be Modified.

By systematically modifying the two frequencies, Professor Theremin evolves tones of any desired pitch. This is achieved merely by the hand interfering with the vibrations. The frequency is lessened or increased according as the hand approaches or leaves the wave. Thus the pitch of the note is raised or lowered, and it becomes possible, in this way, to obtain the whole musical scale.

Moreover, the timbre and the strength of the musical note can be modified at will. If the left approaches the loop-antenna slowly, the note sounds like that of a violin, if the approachment or removal is made backwards, the effect is that of striking a piano. By such and similar means, all sorts of instruments may be imitated; a direct change, say, from the tone of the flute to that of the trumpet may be generated.

Of course, it is no easy matter to play a piece of music in this way; that is, by such delicate movements of the hand. Consequently, Professor Theremin has constructed an apparatus whereby the manipulation is vastly facilitated. This contrivance consists of a valve receiver furnished with stop knobs (keys) and a large number of variable condensers. They perform, respectively, the functions of the keyboard and the registers of a harmonium. By pressing one of the keys, a definite note is produced; while a turn of one of the condensers modifies its strength and timbre. The contrivance, accordingly, resembles in its effects an American organ; albeit, the sounds are produced, not by pipes and reeds, but by electric vibrations.

What will be the ultimate outcome of Professor Theremin's invention no one can say. Indisputably, however, the invention concerns a scientific and musical problem which is of extreme interest both to the physicist and to the musician.

WRIT AGAINST AN EDITOR.

ALLEGED CONTEMPT IN THE "TABLET"

A King's Bench Divisional Court, consisting of the Lord Chief Justice and Justices Salter and Roche, granted a rule nisi for a writ of attachment against Mr. Oldmeadow, the editor of the Tablet, the official organ of the Roman Catholic Church, calling upon him to show cause why he should not be committed for contempt of court in publishing a reference to a libel action pending between M. Leon Durand, Bishop of Oran, Algeria, and Messrs. Constable and Company, Limited, publishers of the "Nineteenth Century," and Mr. Carrol Romer, the editor.

Mr. F. B. Merriman, K.C., moving for the writ on behalf of Mr. Romer, said the alleged libel arose out of a series of articles which had been appearing in the "Nineteenth Century" concerning the movement known as the "Action Française." Dr. Longford, a Church of England theologian, concluded an article with a passage containing the alleged libel, as follows: "The Bishop of Oran, who has been the busy agent of the Vatican adversaries of the 'Action Française,' and who lends his pen to the promulgation of the new papal idea—who and what is he?... Here is a Bishop who has misappropriated public funds, money paid over to him for the maintenance of his clergy. The story is well nigh incredible, and in the Bishopric of Oran since January 1, 1925, the Government has taken the precaution to pay the clergy direct, since not only were they not before paid in full but the Bishop drew payments for clergy who were not there at all."

"Sordid Interests."

The "Tablet" on March 3, said counsel, contained a note referring to a criticism of the appointment of Sir William Tyrrell as British Ambassador in Paris because he was a Roman Catholic, and saying "The British Mission to the Vatican is regarded by the 'No Popery' underworld' as a trump card when money is wanted from Protestant diehards, and therefore any public attack on the Pope as Britain's crafty enemy in the sphere of world politics is worth a guinea a word. We have never suggested or believed that the Longfords and the Romers have been swayed by monetary considerations, but they have certainly become the tools of very sordid interests."

Mr. Merriman submitted that to say a thing like that about the editor of the "Nineteenth Century," who had opened his columns to this controversy and who was now being sued for libel at the suit of a Bishop of the Roman Catholic Church, was outside all bounds of what was legitimate.

AMERICAN ECONOMIST.

RECENT VISIT TO MACAO.

Macao was visited early in April by the celebrated economist Professor J. W. Jenks, of the University of New York. Professor Jenks is making a study of conditions and visited Macao before proceeding to Canton. He stated that he was much struck by the very evident signs of progress at Macao, which were absent when he visited Macao many years ago. He was most struck by the development of Chung Shan district by the commencement of the Macao-Shekki Road, and thought that in the present Governor of Macao the Portuguese had an able administrator whose policy towards the Chinese neighbours had created among the Chinese a proper respect for the friendly aspirations of Macao. He thought that the port of Macao would soon justify its existence and the port development were an asset of considerable value to the Portuguese.

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NEW AMERICAN SERIAL.

GIRL ALONE

By ANNE AUSTIN.
Author of "Saint and Sinner."

"You're lying! I saw you stoop and pick something up from in front of the sofa."

SYNOPSIS.

SALLY FORD is left at the state orphanage when she is four by a woman who says she is the mother, but who never returns. At 16 Sally shows a genius for acting which sets her apart from the other girls in the orphanage. She is "famed out" for the summer to CLEM CARSON, a farmer. She meets DAVID NASH, a handsome young student who is working on the farm during the summer. PEARL, Clem's daughter, hates Sally because David is plainly fond of the little orphan and determined to make Pearl and her crowd accept Sally as their equal. One Sunday morning Sally is left alone in the kitchen while the Carson family goes to church. David sits on the back porch, book in hand, studying. They are surprised when Pearl returns suddenly from church and accuses Sally of having stolen her diamond pin.

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY CHAPTER VIII.

Sally stared at Pearl, colour draining out of her cheeks and out of her sapphire eyes, until she was a pale shadow of the girl who had been glowing and sparkling under the sun of David's affectionate interest.

"I haven't seen your diamond bar-pin, Pearl," she said at last. "Honest, I haven't!"

"You're lying! I saw you stoop and pick something up in front of the sofa last night. I was crazy not to think of my bar-pin then, but I remembered all right this morning, when it was gone off this dress, the same dress I was wearing last night. See, David!" she appealed shrilly to the boy, who was looking at her with narrowed, level eyes. "It was pinned right here! You can see where it was stuck in! Look!"

David said nothing, but a slow, odd smile curled his lips until reaching those level, narrowed eyes of his.

"What are you looking at me like that for?" Pearl screamed. "I won't have you looking at me like that! Stop it!"

Slowly, his eyes not leaving Pearl's face for a moment, David thrust his right hand into his pocket. Which he withdrew it, something lay on his palm—a narrow bar of flinted white gold, set with a small, square-cut diamond. Still without speaking, he extended his hand slowly toward Pearl, but she drew back, her eyes popping with surprise and—yes, Sally was sure of it—fear.

"Where did you get that?" she gasped.

"Do you really want me to tell you?" David spoke at last, his voice queer and hard.

"No!" Pearl shrieked. "No! Does she—does she know?"

"No, she was telling the truth when she said that she hadn't seen the pin," David answered, flipping the pin contemptuously to the kitchen table. "But next time I think you'd better put it away in your own room. And Pearl, you really must try to overcome this absentmindedness of yours. It may get you into trouble some-time."

Pearl shivered, seemed to shrink visibly under her tussy pink georgette dress.

"Oh!" she wailed suddenly, her face crumpling up in a spasm of weeping. "You'll hate me now! And you used to like me, before

she came! You—oh, I hate you! Stop looking at me like that!"

"Haven't you better go back to church?" David suggested mildly. "Tell your mother you found your pin just where you'd left it," that contemptuous smile deepening on his lips.

"You won't tell Papa, will you?" Pearl whimpered, as she turned toward the door. "And you won't tell—her?" She could not bear to utter Sally's name.

"No, I won't tell," David assured her. "But I'm sure you'll try to make up to Sally for having been mistaken about the pin."

"She's all you think of!" Pearl cried, then, sobbing wildly, she ran out of the kitchen.

"Guess I'd better not bother you any longer, or they'll be blaming me if dinner is late," David said casually, but he paused to pat the little hand that was clenching the table.

Sally was so puzzled by the strangeness of the scene she had witnessed, so tormented by brief glimpses of something near the truth, so weak from reaction, so stirred by gratitude to David, that she was making poor headway with dinner when Clem Carson, who had not gone to church, came in from the barns, dressed in overalls in defiance of the day.

"Got a sick yearlin' out there," he grumbled. "A blue-ribbon beaver calf that Dave's grandpa persuaded me to buy. I don't believe in this blue-ribbon stock. Always delicate—got to be nursed like a baby. I gave her a whopping dose of castor, oil and she slobbered all over me."

He took the big black iron teakettle from the stove and filled the granite wash basin half full of the steaming water. As he lathered his hands until festoons of soap bubbles hung from them, he cocked an appraising eye at Sally, who was busily rolling pie crust on a yellow pine board.

"Dave been hanging around the kitchen this morning, ain't he?"

Sally's hands tightened on the rolling pin and her eyes fluttered guiltily as she answered, "Yes, sir."

"Better not encourage him, if you know which side your bread's buttered on," the farmer advised laconically. "I reckon you know by this time that Pearl's picked him out and that things is just about settled between 'em. Fine match, too. He'll own his granddad's place some day—next farm to this one, and the young folks will be mighty well fixed. I reckon Dave's pretty much like any other young whippersnapper—ready to cock an eye at any pretty girl that comes along, before he settles down, but it don't mean anything. Understand?"

"Yes, sir," Sally murmured.

"I reckon any fool could see that Pearl's mighty near the apple of my eye," Carson went on, as he dried his hands vigorously on the Sunday-fresh roller towel.

"And if she took a notion that maybe some other girl from the orphanage would suit us better, why I don't know as I could do anything else but take you back. And I'd hate that. You're a nice, pretty little thing, real handy in the kitchen, but, yes sir, I'd have to tell the matron that you just didn't suit. . . . Well, I got to get back to that yearlin'."

Somehow Sally managed to finish cooking the big Sunday dinner before the family returned.

from church. Out of deference for the day she decided to change from her faded gingham to her white dress before serving dinner. Surely she had a right to look decent! Clem Carson couldn't construe her humble "dressing up" as a bid for David's attention.

In her little garret room she scrubbed her face and hands, pinned the heavy braid of soft black hair about her head, and then reached under her low cot bed for her small bundle of clothes, in which was rolled her only pair of fine-ribbed white hose stockings. As she drew out the bundle she discovered immediately that other hands than her own had touched it; the stockings had been unrolled and then re-rolled clumsily, not at all in her own neat fashion. Then suddenly full comprehension came to her. The pieces of the puzzle settled miraculously into shape. It was here, in this bundle, that David had found the bar-pin. Somehow he had seen Pearl slip into the room that morning, had guessed that her secret visit boded no good for Sally; had spied on her, and then later had retrieved the bar-pin from the bundle in which Pearl had hidden it.

If David had not seen—But she could not go on with the thought. Trembling so that her teeth chattered she dressed herself as decently as her orphanage wardrobe permitted, and then went downstairs to "dish up" the dinner she had prepared.

Immediately after dinner David went across fields to call on his grandfather, a grouchy, sick old man who almost hated the boy because he would soon own the lands which he himself had loved so passionately. He did not return for supper, and at breakfast on Monday there was no time for more than a smile and a cheerful "Good morning," which Sally, with Clem Carson's eyes upon her, hardly dared return.

Sally wondered if David had been warned, too, for as the days passed she seldom saw him alone for as much as a minute. Perhaps he was being careful for her sake, suspecting Carson's antagonism, or perhaps, in spite of the shameful trick in which he had caught her, he really cared for Pearl. During the evenings he sat for a short time in the living room or on the front porch, Pearl beside him, chattering animatedly; but he was always in his room studying by 10 o'clock, a blessed fact which made her own isolation in her little garret room more easy to bear.

On Thursday morning at 10 o'clock David appeared at the kitchen door, an axe in his hands. "Will you turn the grindstone for me while I sharpen this axe blade, Sally?" he asked casually, but his eyes gave her a deep, significant look that made her heart flutter.

Mrs. Carson, standing over her bubbling preserving kettles, grumbled an assent, and Sally flew out of the kitchen to join him. The grindstone, a huge, heavy stone wheel turned by a pedal arrangement, was set up near the first of the great red barns. While Sally poured water at intervals upon the stone, David held the blade against it, and under cover of the whirling, grating noise he talked to her in a low voice.

NEW HIGHWAYS.

TWO IMPORTANT KWANG-TUNG SCHEMES.

Numerous telegrams having been received from General Pei Sung-hsi urging the early completion of the Shikwan-Pingshek highway, to connect up with the one in Hengchow, Mr. Chuck Hong-shing, Director of Public Highways in Hunan and Kwangtung, has submitted a petition to the Provincial Government requesting appropriations to the extent of \$50,000 monthly from the Provincial Treasury for this purpose.

These monthly sums are to be considered temporary advances, and are to be refunded in due course from the deposits in the Central Bank held to the account of the Highways Department. The different surtaxes from the various railways, allocated for road building purposes will also be available, when collected, for refund of these advances.

The section of the road between Shikwan and Lechang was completed in August last year, but the section from there to Pingshek, roughly 160 li, has been held up, work being suspended owing to the lack of funds. This part of the route will entail heavy expenditure, as the mountainous nature of the country imposes difficulties in the construction.

Another Project.

It is learned that construction work on the public highway connecting Waichow and Cheungmuk-tau will be completed within this month. The department in charge of this construction has made a report to the Bureau of Public Highways of the Department of Reconstruction, of its intention to hold an opening ceremony on the 1st May next. Members of the military, civil, and party organisations in Canton will be invited to pay a visit of inspection and to assist in the function.

This road has been designed to carry motor traffic, and when the present bus service is improved it will afford great convenience and facility to the travelling public. Motorbuses have been plying on the finished portion of this road for some time past, and the service will extend to Waichow when the road is opened. However, the limited number of vehicles is insufficient to cope properly with the needs of the public. —Canton Gazette.

The accidental dropping overboard of two kegs of gold, part of a consignment of 60, valued at \$9,000 dollars (\$10,000) each, shipped in the Italian liner Roma, revealed what appeared to be the first purchase of gold on the new York market for the Italian Government since the war. Divers have recovered one of the kegs. In bank-y circles it is assumed that the gold was taken from a local reserve bank for the account of the Banca d'Italia, but no comment is obtainable from those familiar with the deal.

"Everything all right, Sally!"

"Fine!" she faltered. "I get very tired, but there's lots to eat—such good things to eat—and Pearl's given me some dresses that are nicer than any I ever had before, except they're too big for me."

"Isn't she fat?" David grinned at her, and she was reminded again how young he was, although he seemed so very grown-up to her. "She wouldn't be so fat if she worked a tenth as hard as you do."

"I don't mind," Sally protested, her eyes misting with tears at his thoughtfulness for her. "I've got to earn my board and keep. Besides, there's such an awful lot to be done, with the preserving and the canning and the cooking and everything. Mrs. Carson works even harder than I do."

David's eyes flashed with indignation and a suspicion of contempt for the meek little girl opposite him. "You're earning five times as much as your board and room and a few old clothes that Pearl doesn't want are worth. It makes me so mad."

"Sal-lee! Ain't that axe ground yet? Time to start dinner! I can't leave this pic-a-lilli I'm making!" Mrs. Carson shouted from the kitchen door.

"Wait, Sally," David commanded. "Wouldn't you like to take a walk with me after supper to-night? I'll help you with the dishes. You never get out of the house, except to the garden. You haven't even seen the fields yet. I'd like to show you around. The moon's full to-night."

"Oh, I can't!" Sally gasped with the pain of refusal. "Pearl—Mr. Carson—"

"I want you to come," David said steadily, his eyes commanding her.

"All right," Sally promised recklessly, her cheeks pink with excitement, her eyes soft and velvety, like dark blue pansies.

(To be continued.)

RARE BOOK TO BE SOLD.

DR. ROSENBAUGH'S SPECIAL VISIT.

SOTHEBY'S DEALINGS.

The rare and valuable Americana, with some important English books and manuscripts, largely from the Library of Henry Percy, 9th Earl of Northumberland (1564-1632), at Petworth House, are to be sold at Messrs. Sotheby's on April 23 and 24.

Of the 172 lots catalogued, by order of the Earl's descendant Lord Leconfield, all but some half-dozen are of English origin.

Seventy-six contain manuscripts dating from the Thirteenth to the Seventeenth Century. Several manuscripts, together with 29 books printed before 1640, deal directly with early American history and colonisation. Henry Percy, the "Wizard" Earl, a friend of Raleigh and a supporter of the Virginia Company, followed closely the voyages and adventures of the western pioneers.

It was to him that the colonist William Strachey dedicated what appears to be the earliest of the three extant manuscripts of his "Historie of Travel into Virginia Britania," 1612. This manuscript, written on 122 leaves, is undoubtedly the gem of the whole collection, and a keen fight by Dr. Rosenbach (who is in England for the sale and bought "Alice in Wonderland" a few days ago and his American contractors may be anticipated. With the work, which was first printed by the Hakluyt Society in 1849, is a fine impression of Captain John Smith's map of Virginia, 1612, and 27 engravings from De Bry's Harriot, all finely coloured by hand.

The British Museum and the Bodleian Library each have manuscript copies of this history—the Museum copy is dedicated to Sir Francis Bacon, and the other to Sir Allen Apsley.

"The Wizard Earl."

During Northumberland's imprisonment in the Tower he embarked on the scientific studies which obtained for him the nickname of the "Wizard Earl." It is to this period that the library owes the series of interesting manuscripts on the art of alchemy, catalogued in ten lots.

Another important MS. is that of George Percy's (the Earl's brother) "A True Relation of the Proceedings and Occurrences of Moments which have happened in Virginia" during the years 1609-1612. This unpublished MS. is written in the blunt, straightforward style of a man who was obviously more at home with the sword than with the pen.

The collection includes a number of MS. maps of exceptional importance. Outstanding among these is Sir Humphrey Gilbert's Chart of North America and the Arctic regions, made for him by Dr. John Dee. It bears the great explorer's signature. Following this is a magnificent MS. map of Raleigh's travels in Guiana, probably prepared by Raleigh, or under his direction, for presentation to the "Wizard Earl."

Mention should also be made of the early Fifteenth Century MS. of John Lidge's translation of Pilgrimage of the Soule, which is one of the finest illuminated MSS. in vernacular English seen in the auction rooms for many years. Some suggestion of the quality of the decoration and of the condition of the work is conveyed by the coloured frontispiece to Messrs. Sotheby's Catalogue (£1 is net.)

DISMISSED MANAGER.

AWARD OF £3,583 BY A SPECIAL JURY.

After a four days' hearing in the King's Bench Division before Mr. Justice Avey, a special jury awarded £3,583 6s. 8d., the full amount claimed, with costs, to Mr. Harold Edgar Palmer, of Addiscombe-road, Croydon, against Messrs. W. Weddell and Co. Ltd., of West Smithfield, for breach of his service agreement.

Mr. Palmer said that he was dismissed when he still had nearly three years and a half of his agreement with the firm to run. His appointment was that of assistant manager of the canned goods department and manager of the dried fruit department at a salary of £1,000 a year.

The defendants maintained that they were justified in dismissing him because of his insubordination and misconduct.

Sir Henry Maddocks, K.C., for Mr. Palmer, said that he had called the manager of the canned goods department a liar because the latter had called him a "slaughterer," implying that he was making sales of the company's stocks at bad prices. The incident eventually led to Mr. Palmer's dismissal.

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LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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Hakusan Maru	Friday, 13th Apr.
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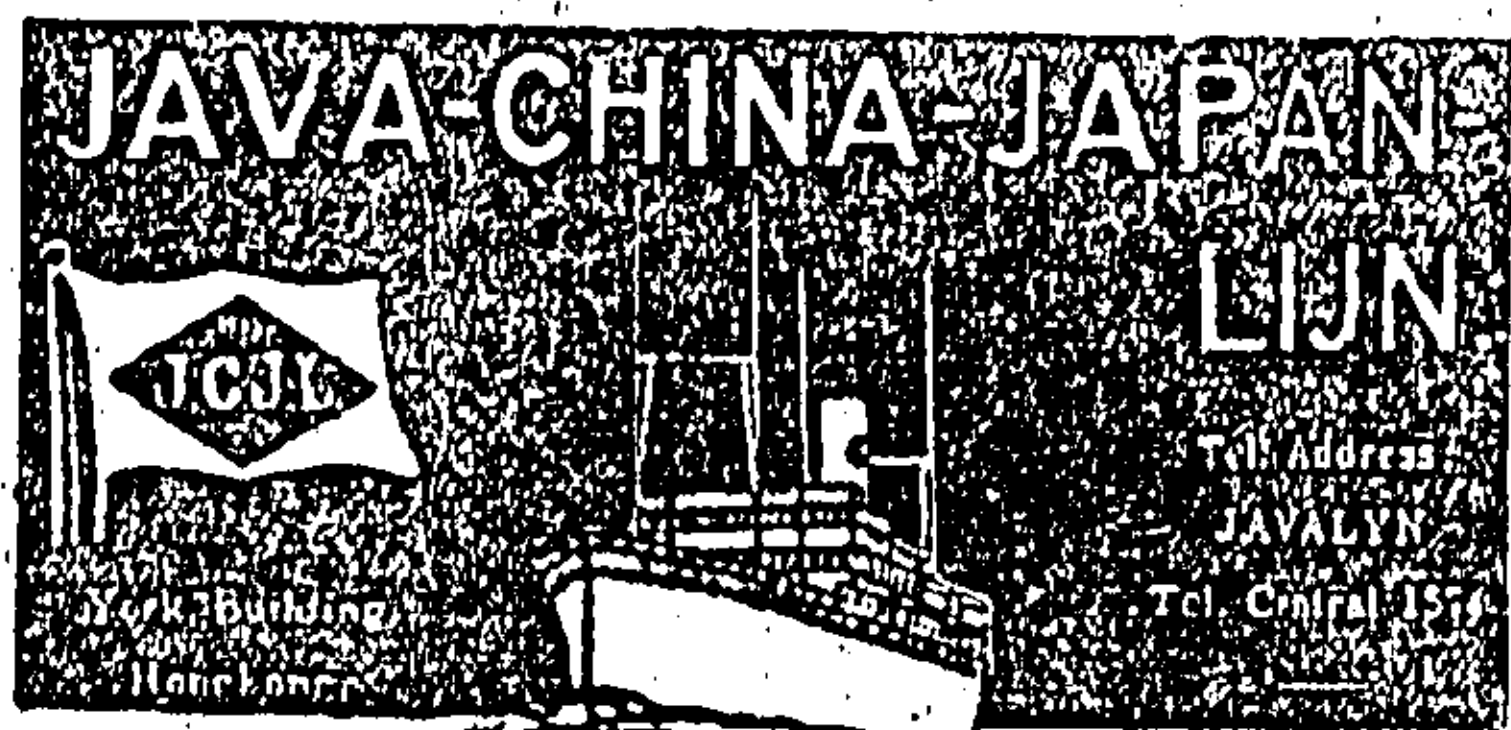
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Tjiluwang	Java, Mesr	23rd Apr	24th Apr	Amoy, Shanghai N. China
Tjitarom	N. China	23rd Apr	25th Apr	Batavia
Tjisroca	Batavia	26th Apr	28th Apr	Amoy, Shanghai & Keelung
Tjikarang	Shanghai, K'lung	30th Apr	2nd May	Batavia
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OBITUARY.

MR. STANLEY WEYMAN.

London, Apr. 11.
The death is reported of Mr. Stanley Weyman, the novelist.
[Mr. Stanley Weyman was born at Ludlow, Shropshire, in 1865. He was educated at Shrewsbury School and Christ Church, Oxford. His first work was "The House of the Wolf," published in 1890, but he is best known by his "A Gentleman of France," likewise an historical novel, which was published in 1893, and gained, in a short time, considerable popularity. He has written one novel dealing with modern life, but for the most part has restricted himself to historical and romantic subjects, the most widely known of his works being "Under the Red Robe," "My Lady Rotha," and "The Memoirs of a Minister of France."]

"LYEMOON" RECEPTION

RECONSTRUCTED "GORDON" MAKES GOOD TRIP.

To celebrate the acquisition of a.s. Lyemmoon, late Gorgon of the Ocean S.S. Company, and now owned by the Wo Fat Sing Co., the new owners held a reception on board the vessel yesterday afternoon, the ship being berthed at the China Merchants Wharf for the purpose.
Among those present were Sir Shou-sun Chow, Hon. Dr. Kowall, Messrs. Lee Yuen, Fung Ping Shan, Wong Yuen Tong, P. K. Kwok, Li Tse-fong, Commr. J. B. Newell, D.S.O., R.N. (Harbour Master) and Government Marine Surveyors, Messrs. Garland and Hunter, Representatives of the owners, Harbour Office officials, Mr. Lyle and Mr. Nelson of Taikeo Dock, Mr. J. Taylor of the Light Service, the masters of a.s. Prominent and Prosper, on charter to the Wo Fat Sing, and other members of shipping companies interested in the inauguration of trade movements and the development of existing services, also attended.

The reception concluded with toasts to the continued success of the Wo Fat Sing Company, and responses were made on behalf of the visitors and friends.
The Lyemmoon left on a round island trip at 3.30 p.m., with Capt. Holmes in charge. Mr. J. Best was Chief Officer, while Mr. Kirkpatrick (Aly) was second Officer and Mr. Andrews, Chief Engineer.
The ship was dressed overall and on departure from the C. M. Wharf, there was the usual burst of crackers. On the run, the Lyemmoon registered a speed of 12 knots and proved satisfactory in all respects. The vessel berthed at 6.45 p.m., the passengers registering approval of all that had been shown them, especially in the matter of cabin accommodation.
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DEPARTED.

Per the a.s. Empress of Canada.—Mr. Au Choy Moon, Mr. W. C. Bacon, Mr. C. C. Brun, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Butler, Mr. J. Butler, Mr. F. Butler, Mrs. G. B. Brume, Mr. J. Blanco, Mr. E. Blanco, Mr. A. Blanco, Miss Chong Gue, Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Cotterman, Miss E. Cotterman, Mr. S. Cotterman, Miss C. Cotterman, Mr. Chin Chun, Mr. U. Chung, Miss Chio Bark, Mr. Chio Chung, Mr. Chua Shih-hing, Mr. G. C. Duc, Miss A. Polara, Mrs. P. M. Fetterley, Miss A. M. Fetterley, Mr. Y. Fook, Mr. Paul Galinda, Hon. I. Gubaldon, Mr. E. W. Gaby, Mr. C. H. Howard, Mrs. Harrington, Mr. A. H. Hugill, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Iselt, Mr. J. C. Iselt, Mr. Kockwah, Mrs. Lee She, Miss G. Lenerose, Mr. A. Lorente, Mr. Leo Fok, Mr. and Mrs. Langdon, Mr. D. Menchaca, Mr. Khoo Nanteh, Mr. F. H. Nesmith, Mr. G. Nicolas, Mr. F. Rihuram, Mr. D. Rassadia, Mrs. H. M. Remedios, and family, Mr. J. F. E. da Silva, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Low, Miss E. K. Schall, Mr. C. A. Stewart, Mr. C. Sulek, Mr. Y. Seng, Miss Tse Wai-kun, Mr. Tse Fong, Mrs. Tang She, Mrs. Soto, Capt. C. F. Stoford, Mr. Wm. T. Uolting, Mr. A. Underhill, Miss E. Underhill, Mrs. Wong Chu-bor, Mr. Charles Yam, Mr. H. Yang, Mr. K. Yang, and Mr. Yang Kong.

DEPARTED.

Per a.s. Trier—Dr. Karl Krayer, Mr. Waldemar Balhaer, Mr. H. J. Knottnerus, Miss Bleber, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Robert and child, Mrs. E. R. Herin, Mr. J. Klefely, Mr. Chow Ming, Mr. and Mrs. Strank, Miss Elliot, Miss McKenzie, Mr. B. W. Fleisher, and O. D. Russell.

JUNK ATTACKED.

MRS BAY PIRATES SECURE BIG HAUL.

A detailed Police report of the junk piracy, published in yesterday's issue, is now available. According to the story of the owner, a man named Chan Shun, his junk, No. 3256 C, left Kaitse, near Swatow, on Sunday and arrived about eight or nine miles east of the Nine Pins Islands on Tuesday afternoon at about two o'clock, when it was approached by a small pirate craft, containing six men.

The master of the cargo junk set sail in a southerly direction, but the pirates gave chase for fully an hour. Eventually, when they were some twenty yards from the junk, they fired shots and called upon the master to stop.

The master did so, and the pirates sailed alongside and boarded the junk.

One was armed with a rifle and another with a revolver. The master and three men were imprisoned in the hold while the pirates ransacked the junk. They were on board for two hours and then made off with 10 piculs of salt, three tins of peanut oil, some rice and clothing valued at \$50, and \$340 in money, a total of \$1,040. They sailed in the direction of Mrs Bay.

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All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon within the free storage period. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th April, will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before the 27th April, or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents. Hongkong, 9th April, 1928.

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All claims must be sent in to me on or before the Friday the 20th April, 1928, or they will not be recognised. Damaged Packages will be examined by the Company's Surveyor Messrs. Goddard & Douglas in the presence of the Consignees at 10.00 a.m. on Tuesday, the 17th April, 1928.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever. L. LESDOS, Agent. Hongkong, 11th April, 1928.

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Goods not cleared by the 13th April, 1928, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed and damaged packages are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on the 12th April, 1928, at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

Claims against the steamer must be presented in writing within ten days after arrival of steamer, otherwise they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the undersigned in any case whatever. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by J. A. J. VAN DER WOUDE, General Agent. Hongkong, April 9, 1928.

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MOREA	10,953	28th Apr.	Bombay, Marseilles & L'don
LAHORE	5,252	7th May.	Marseilles & London
KASHGAR	9,005	12th May.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
KIDDERPORE	5,334	22nd May.	Straits, Obo P'bay, & Karachi
MAIWA	10,986	26th May.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
ALIPORE	5,273	31st May.	Straits, Colombo & Bombay
JEYPORE	5,318	2nd June.	Marseilles, London & Hull
DELTA	8,097	9th June.	Marseilles, L'don & A'werp
NOVARA	6,989	13th June.	Marseilles & London
RANPURA	16,501	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
KHYBER	8,114	27th July.	M'sles, L'don, A'werp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
INANKIN	7,053	28th July.	Marseilles & London

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KIDDERPORE	5,334	20th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
HATIPARA	7,764	25th Apr.	Moji, Kobe, & Osaka
MAIWA	10,986	27th Apr.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
TALMA	10,000	3rd May.	Amoy, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka
ALIPORE	5,273	3rd May.	Moji & Kobe
TAKIWA	7,936	7th May.	Amoy, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
NOVARA	6,989	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
TANDA	6,656	8th May.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
DELTA	8,097	11th May.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RANPURA	10,601	25th May.	Shai, Kobe & Yoko
INANKIN	7,058	5th June.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
ST. ALBANS	4,500	5th June.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko
KHYBER	9,114	8th June.	Shai, Moji, Kobe & Yoko
RAWALPINDI	16,619	22nd June.	Shai, Kobe & Yoko

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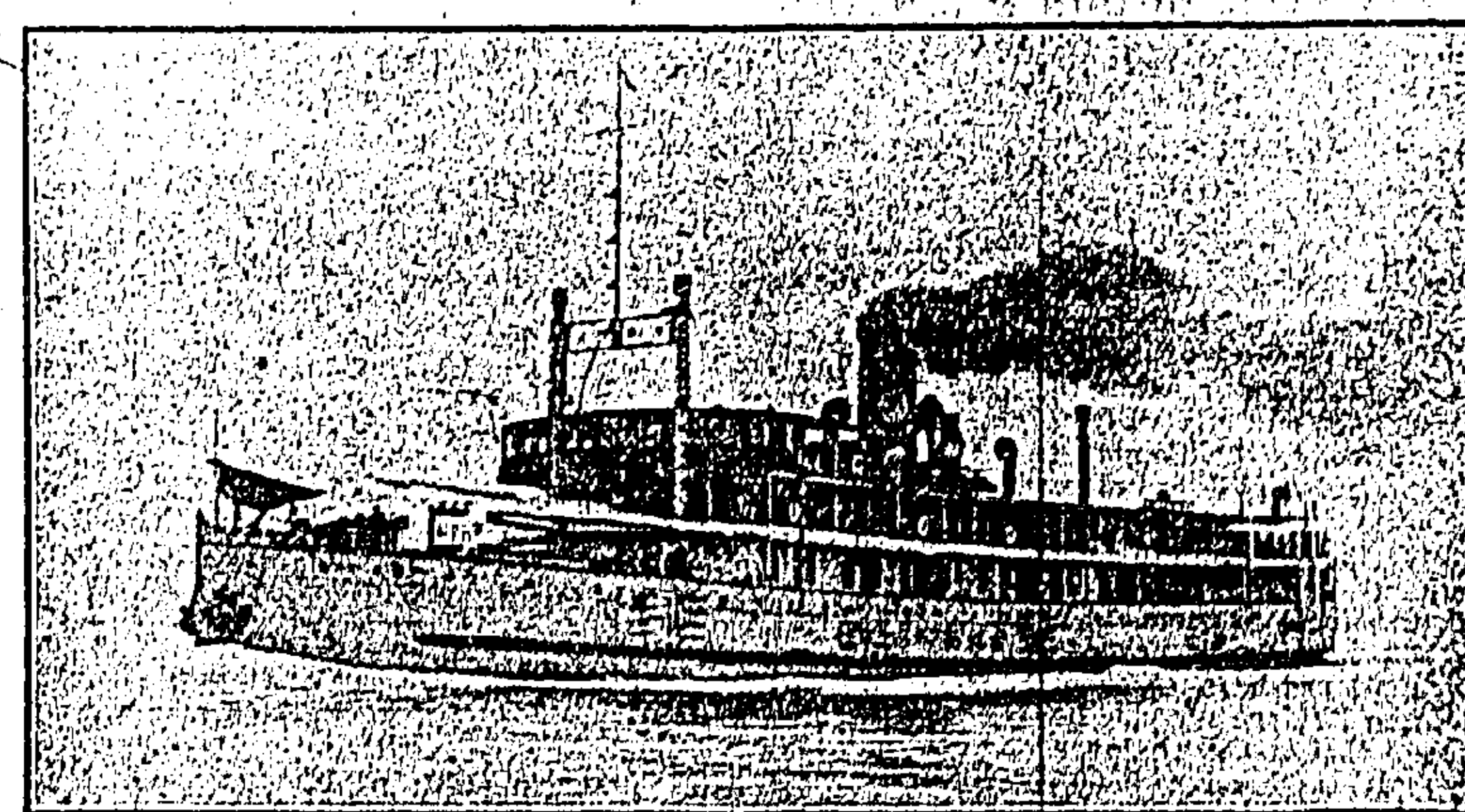
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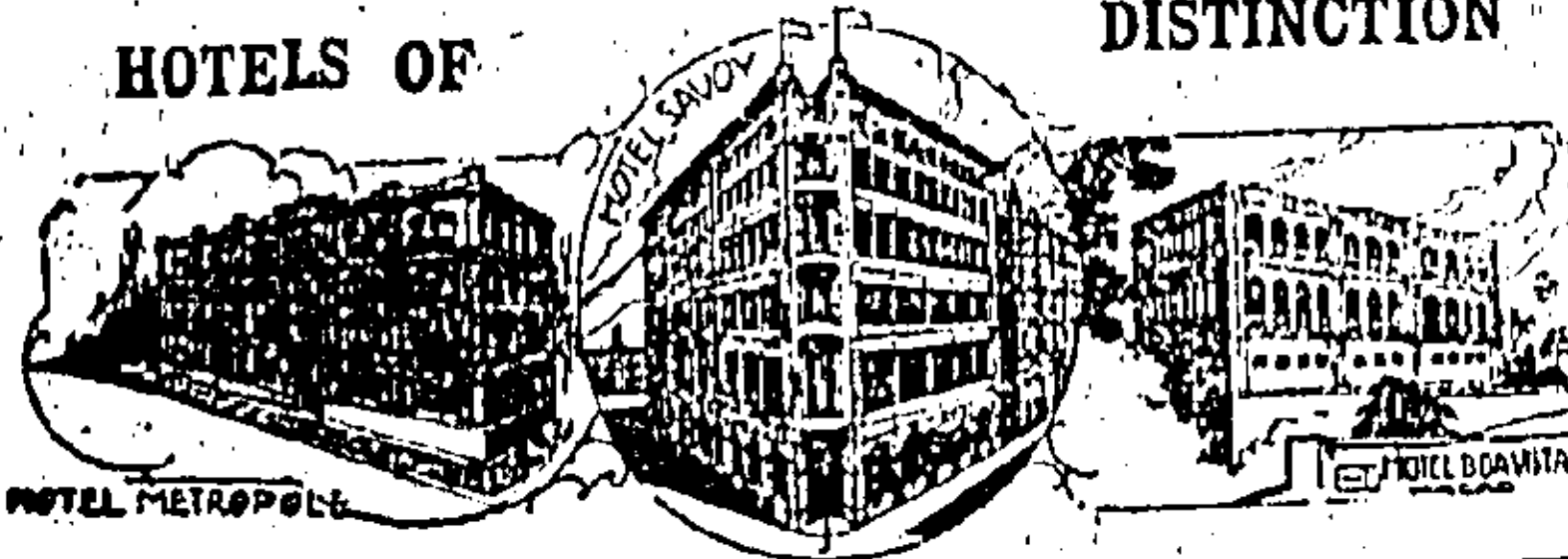
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the Peninsula Hotel has been completed and made revenue-producing.

I do not wish, however, to lay before you a prospect devoid of "optimism." The Company, in common with practically all other concerns in Hongkong and China, has had to shorten sail in order to weather the storms of the past three years—and, if I may say so, it has weathered them very successfully. We have not made losses, we have made profits; and those profits have been placed to reserves, thus consolidating the position on lines that will rebound to the benefit of shareholders upon a recurrence of prosperity in Hongkong and Shanghai.

Hongkong Hotel.

In the light of the position to which I have just drawn attention, you will understand why your Directors have hesitated to embark upon any scheme of re-building the north and Middle blocks of the Hongkong Hotel. So valuable a site cannot, however, be allowed to remain unproductive, and the subject of re-building thereof must be seriously considered in the near future—unless, of course, a good offer should be received for purchase of the site, in which case your Directors would be prepared to carefully weigh the alternative of fostering the interests of the Company either by a sale or by the erection of a new block.

Garage Department.

The Garage Department of the Company in Hongkong—which Department has in a very few years grown from a small venture into quite a large concern—continued to make steady progress during 1927. The motor-bus services have increased in popularity and have been well supported by the public; particularly have they proved to have been of great convenience to those whose homes are situated at some little distance from town.

In fact, your Directors have under consideration an extension of motor-bus services at present operated by the Company, both as to the number of vehicles and the routes served by them, and I trust that the Company will have in running in Hongkong within the course of this year a number of motor coaches of the best modern type approved and utilised by the leading Municipalities in England, and thus be in a position to meet efficiently and expeditiously the increasing demand of the public for such means of passenger transportation.

Directorate and Staff.

Mr. A. Brodie Clarke, Dr. E. L. Marsh and Mr. P. W. Massey, who had formed an Advisory Committee in Shanghai, tendered to the Board their resignation effective as from the 31st December last, in order to effect an economy to the Company by their ceasing to act in such capacity, and I am sure I am voicing the appreciation of shareholders in expressing at this meeting the thanks of the Company to those gentlemen for their services in the past and for the goodwill expressed by them for the Company's welfare in the future.

The Auditors.

A matter which it is imperative I should make clear to shareholders is that relative to the change in status of Messrs. Thomson & Company from auditors to accountants to the Company in Shanghai. Messrs. Thomson & Company were auditors to the Shanghai Hotels, Limited, the business of which Company was taken over by this Company under the amalgamation effected in 1923. Since that time, Messrs. Thomson & Company have been appointed annually by shareholders in general meeting as auditors to the Company in Shanghai, but as a matter of convenience to the Company it has recently been arranged that as from the 1st January last, Messrs. Thomson & Company shall act as accountants to the Company in Shanghai—their appointment being from the Board of Directors in Hongkong.

I would add that Messrs. Thomson & Company have kindly consented to such change of status and that it is also agreeable to Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth & Fleming, the auditors to the Company in Hongkong, but your Board must and are quite willing to receive and consider any objection to such course which any shareholders may wish to submit to them.

I now beg formally to propose that the report and balance sheet and accounts, as presented, be adopted, and that of the balance of Profit and Loss Account \$500,000 be transferred to General Reserve, \$300,000 be transferred to Construction and Development Reserve, and that \$78,810.65 be carried forward to 1928 account. When that proposal has been seconded, I shall be pleased to answer, so far as I am able, any question which shareholders may wish to put regarding the business of this meeting.

THE SECONDER'S SPEECH.

Company Pulled Through Very Well.

Seconding, Mr. G. C. Moxon said:—I am sure you will all have listened with great interest to the remarks made by the chairman which appear to me to set forth concisely our present position. It is now three years since this Company favoured its shareholders with any return on capital invested—and this after having paid steady dividends without a break for twenty-four years previously. My records do not carry me back further than that almost prohibitive date.

In my hand I have the report of the Board of Directors of the Hongkong Hotel Co. for the half year ended December 31, 1901, from which I see that the Directors proposed to appropriate from an available balance of \$34,477.49 the sum of \$72,000, and to pay a final dividend of 12 per cent. for the half year in question.

I see that the liabilities of the Company, in this balance sheet were for the main part composed of:—

\$600,000, Capital.
\$225,000, Debentures issued.
I must confess that in this year of grace 1928 it makes my mouth water to peruse this ancient and yellow document.

Much water has flowed under the bridge since those prosperous days and the whole complexion of this Company has undergone a mighty change.

Enterprise and Genius.

I wish to be fair and I must pay tribute to the enterprise and genius that has caused us to be the owners of such charming and palatial Hotels as the Majestic in Shanghai, and the Repulse Bay and Peninsula in Hongkong—but if I may say so without giving offence I wish that the old injunction to the tailor about cutting the coat with some regard to the cloth available had been followed by those responsible for the conduct of our business.

Gentlemen, to my mind we have been far too bold and the unfortunate happenings of the past three years in this part of the world caught us bending just when we should have been upright and in a position to face such a storm. However what is past is past and we must now look to our future.

Like Governments, hotels and hotel managements all the world over were created to afford a target for grumbling and complaints and we are no exception to the rule. I think it should be made very clear to the public that an officer of this Company is specially detailed to deal with all complaints or suggestions connected with the conduct of our hotels and that any matter of this nature should be sent in officially to the head office in Hongkong where it will always receive prompt and careful attention. I mention this as of course it is evidently quite impossible for any management to deal with vague remarks regarding this or that. But from personal observation I do not think we have much to apologise for in the conduct of our hostilities.

Globe Trotter's Opinion.

I was interested and gratified the other day to hear a globe trotting man of the world declare that after a long and varied experience of Hotels in many countries, he thought it would be hard to find anything to beat our Repulse Bay Hotel in Hongkong and our Majestic in Shanghai. This should cheer those responsible for their creation and their management.

When one considers that for more than two years past this Company has been working at a terrible disadvantage owing to various adverse circumstances over which it had no control—involving as they did the loss of a great portion of its funds in non-revenue producing land and buildings—I am amazed that we should have pulled through so well. The Peninsula Hotel notably has been a very long time building and has been a constant drain on us for years. With its approaching completion as set forth by the Chairman a great improvement should ensue in our financial position.

We have a good business and we may I think expect ere long to transform what I may call our "dead wood" into profit making assets—which gives me confidence in our future.

I think this Company may fairly be classed as a public utility Company.

Good Hotels Necessary.

No great port or city could exist for long without good hotels. They materially add to the comfort, amusement, and prosperity of the entire community.

I consider that such being the case our well run hotels deserve the sympathetic support of all thinking people interested in the prosperity and progress of Hongkong and Shanghai and that a reasonable profit to their shareholders should not

HUSSARS FAREWELL TO HORSES.

NOW BECOME AN ARMoured CAR UNIT.

PICTURESQUE SIGHT.

London, Apr. 11.

The 11th Hussars bade farewell to their horses at a parade at Aldershot to-day. In a few days the officers and troopers are to begin training in armoured car work as a first step towards their transformation from a cavalry regiment to an armoured car unit.

Three hundred officers and troopers in their saddles made a picturesque sight to-day. Colonel Sutton, the commanding officer, headed the parade.

Although the regiment, whose record dates back to 1715, is sadly disappointed at the change, all ranks are intent on building up a new tradition. They retain the title of the 11th Hussars.—British Wireless.

SHOTS AT BRITISH SHIP.

AMERICAN ADMIRAL JUSTIFIES ACTION.

Washington, Mar. 7.

Neither the British Embassy nor the coastguard has yet received an official report of the firing on the British ship *Isle of June* by the coastguard destroyer *Cassin*, but nevertheless Rear-Admiral Billard, in charge of coastguard operations, says that the Commander of the *Cassin* was within his rights in firing upon the *Isle of June*.

Admiral Billard says that a foreign vessel suspected of carrying contraband within twelve miles of the American coast may be fired upon when it refuses to stop, but according to the Press, the *Isle of June* was 25 miles off Miami when fired upon, and a search of the vessel revealed no contraband.

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following are the replies to to-day's questions:—

1. The minimum rate has been reduced from 2.15 to 2.0, and the hours of service have been extended by two hours. 2. Gold Coast; all food taxes except those on salt and sugar. 3. Approximately 15,000,000 cubic feet. 4. Westminster Abbey. 5. Wrestling. 6. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Connaught, and the Earl of Northbrook. Mr. Baldwin. 7. A long, narrow arm of the sea, between high cliffs, as in Norway. 8. The troops of the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. 9. The army marched round the city for seven days; then the high priests blew on trumpets, the people shouted, and the walls crumbled. 10. Tokyo and Yokohama. 11. Snakes grow on her head instead of hair. 12. The ancient name for China, now used poetically.

more be grudging than that cheerfully accorded to other companies in the same category.

I cannot refrain from making reference to our Garage department and Motor Bus Service which have not only proved profitable to us but a boon to the Colony. I am glad to hear that the Board will devote much energy to the extension and development of this valuable and necessary adjunct to our business.

I have pleasure in according thanks on behalf of I am sure, of all shareholders, to the various managers and staffs in our employ for their hard work and efficiency. We have gone through difficult times but with the return of prosperity I feel sure they will receive the just reward of their labours.

I believe in China and in the future of this Colony and of Shanghai, and I believe that within a comparatively short space of time our present hotels will be inadequate for the needs of residents and tourists. I trust that prudence and drastic economy coupled with the wise handling of our undoubtedly splendid properties may before long restore to us once more an unbroken series of dividend paying years.

The proposition was carried.

Business Matters.

Mr. Joseph Gould proposed that the appointment of Sir Elly Kadoorie to the Board of the Directors be confirmed and that Mr. J. Scott Harston be re-elected to the Board. This was seconded by H. Birkett and carried.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors at a remuneration of \$2,000 on the proposition of Mr. P. W. Massey seconded by Mr. W. E. van Eps.

Other Directors present in addition to the chairman were Mr. J. Scott Harston, Mr. Allan Cameron, Mr. E. M. Raymond, Mr. John Fleming and Sir Elly Kadoorie, K.B.E., C.L.H. Also Mr. W. J. Hawker, (managing director) and Mr. P. H. Suckling, (general manager). Shareholders present were Mr. G. C. Moxon, Mr. Joseph Gould, Mr. W. E. van Eps, Mr. P. W. Massey, Mr. N. V. A. Croucher, Mr. H. Birkett and Mr. A. W. Smith. Those present represented 158,304 shares.

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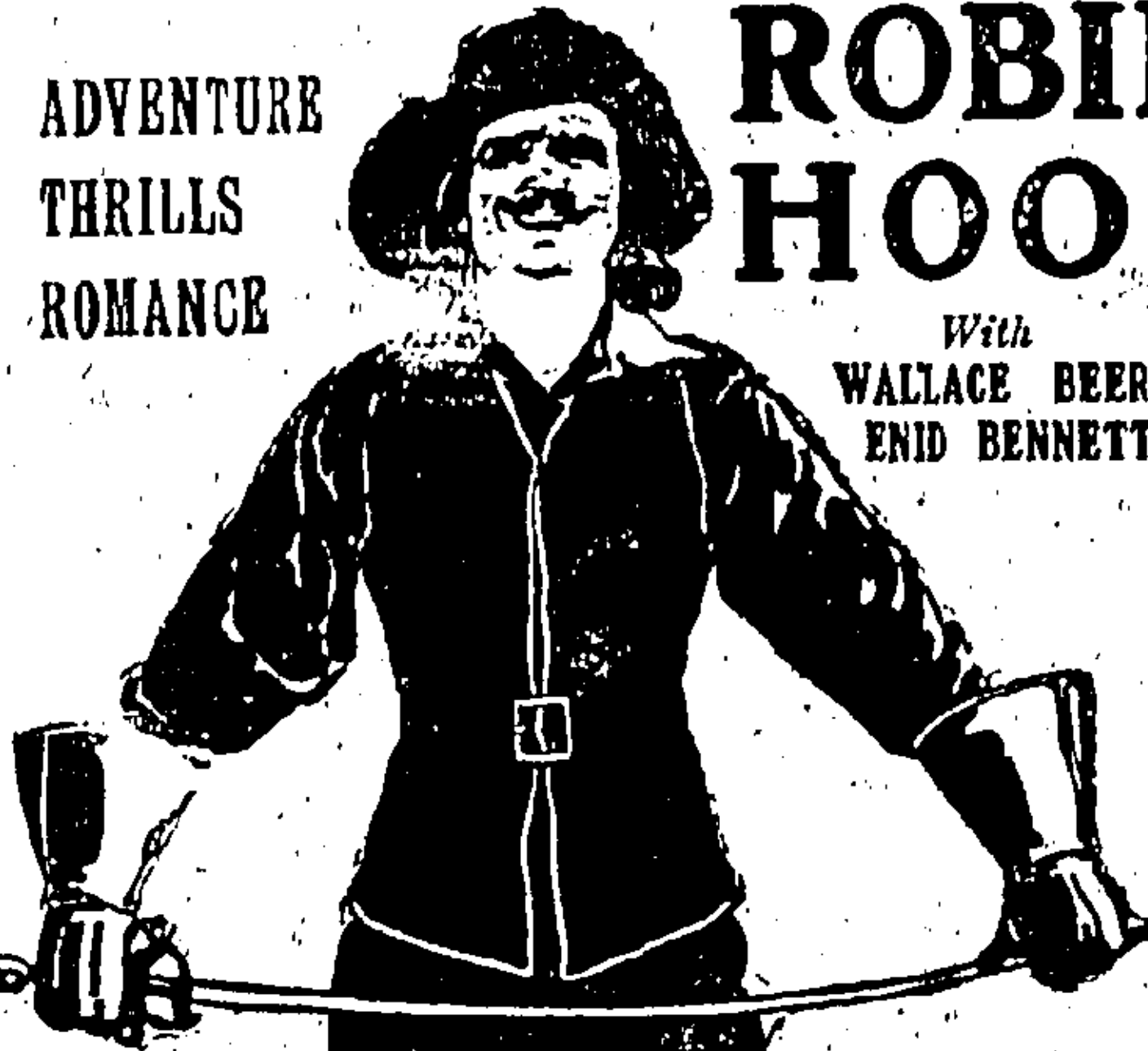


"THE Eagle OF THE Sea"

Florence Vidor, Ricardo Cortez

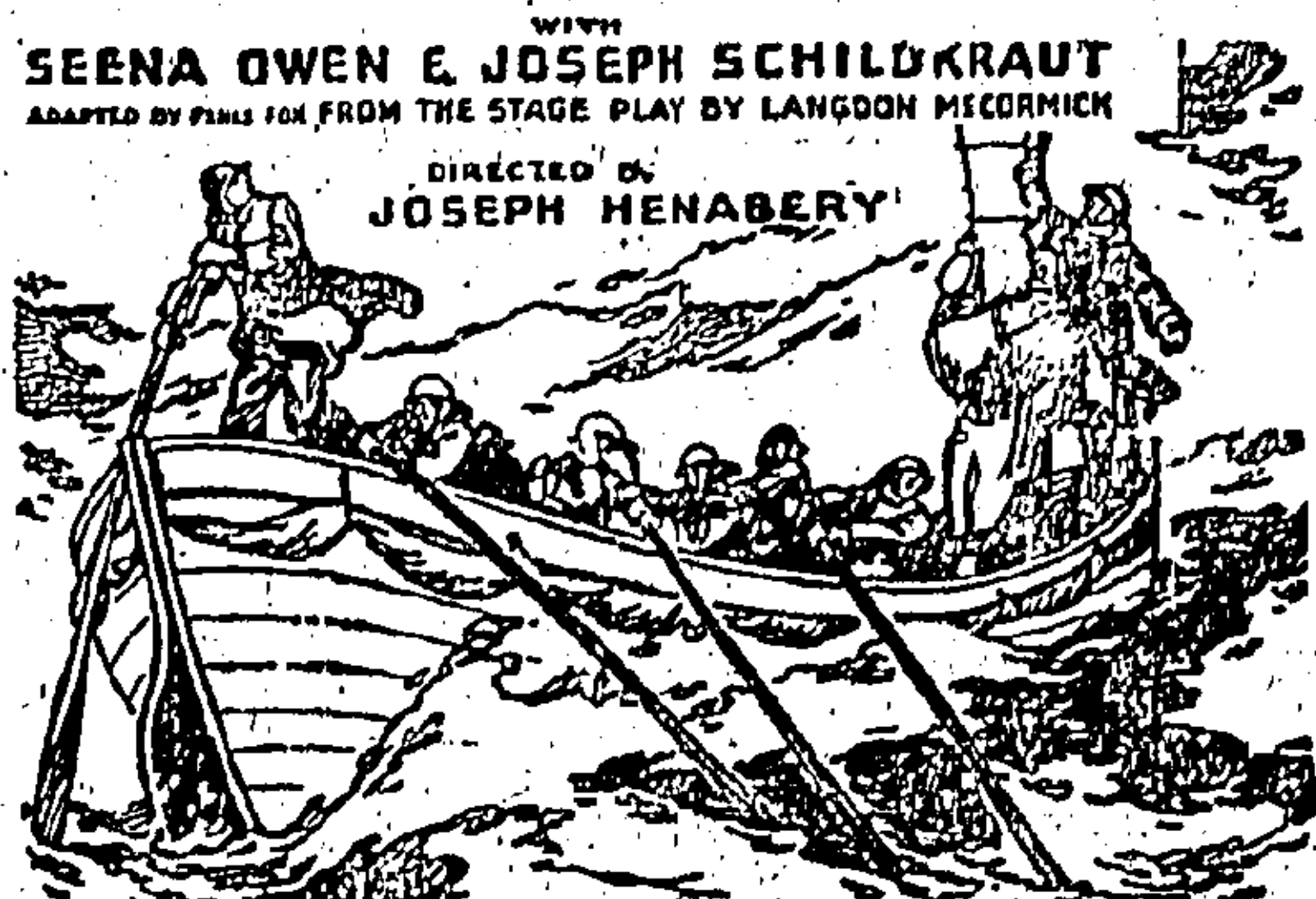
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